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## African lore Niger greets Amir in song

NIAMEY, Oct 1. (KUNA): HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed arrived in this West African nation for a three day visit which he ends a five-state tour that has taken him to Iraq, France, Guinea and Mali. The Amir, along with the delegation accompanying him, was greeted at the airport by Niger's President Col. Ali Saibou.

The Arab guests was also accorded a colourful popular reception to the tunes of African songs and folkloric dances.

Saibou later visited the Amir at his residence in the capital where they held talks on bilateral relations and ways of enhancing them and also issues of mutual concern.

## Kuwait nod to N-pact

KUWAIT, Oct 1. (KUNA): Kuwait today welcomed the positive co-operation of representatives of the Lebanese people in their current meeting in Taif, Saudi Arabia and hoped that the constructive step would yield positive results.

Planning Minister and acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi told reporters that the cabinet hoped that the expected results would contribute in realising aspirations for national Lebanese talents and restore peace and stability to the sisterly state.

Awadi noted that the cabinet has followed with interest the current Taif meetings held at the invitation of the tripartite Arab committee on Lebanon to discuss means of ending the tragic situation in the Arab country.

Other political issues and developments on the Arab and international levels were tackled during the weekly meeting held under chairmanship of acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, Awadi went on.

The cabinet endorsed a number of draft laws including one approving the international treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear arms, another on the special protocol for marine pollution resulting from exploring and exploiting the continental shelf and economic, commercial and technical agreement with Morocco, the minister elaborated.

Another draft law approving the by-laws of the standardisation and measurements authority was approved.

They listed to reports by a number of ministers on their activities abroad including one by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa on Opec's recent monitoring committee meeting in Geneva which approved a one million barrels per day increase in the organisation's overall production.

Sheikh Ali told the cabinet that Kuwait expressed reservations over the quota sharing system, Awadi underlined.

## Lanka tables election offer

COLOMBO, Oct 1. (AP): The governing United National Party said today it was willing to dissolve Parliament and hold new elections if that would help restore peace.

A government statement said the party's working committee made the recommendations to President Ranasinghe Premadasa in hope that the moves would end bloodshed in Sri Lanka.

The President's reaction was not immediately known.

Sri Lanka is caught between guerrilla wars by Sinhalese militants and the radical Tamils. More than 11,000 people have been killed since Tamil insurgency for a homeland started in 1983.

Sinhalese militants launched their uprising against the government two years ago after Colombo signed a peace accord aimed at ending the Tamil insurgency. More than 5,000 others have died in the Sinhalese backlash.

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# MPs clash over Syria

Session stormy: Faisal

TAIF, Oct 1. (Agencies): Lebanese lawmakers clashed over Syria's military involvement in their country as they met today in Taif under a new Arab League effort to end 14 years of civil war.

In Beirut, police said Christian army units and Syrian-backed Druze militiamen fought a 15-minute battle around the strategic mountain army garrison of Souk Al Gharb.

No casualties were reported in the duel, which strained a week-old, Arab League-brokered ceasefire between Christian forces under Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, and Syrian troops and their allies.

Sixty-two members of Parliament, 32 of them Christian and 30 Muslim, are in the mountain resort of Taif for the deliberations, which began yesterday and were expected to drag on for several days.



**Chip off the old block**  
Ferdinand Marcos Jr. spoke of unity among the people of the Philippines in his address to the United Filipino Council of Hawaii, his first public appearance since the death of his father Ferdinand. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Let the court decide: Cory

Protest for Marcos' return

MANILA, Oct 1. (Agencies): President Corason Aquino said today she would follow any Supreme Court order to allow the return of Ferdinand Marcos' body, but was confident the justices would support her ban.

Meanwhile, about 1,000 Marcos supporters marched through Manila streets and then held a nighttime vigil in front of the military headquarters, urging Aquino to allow Marcos' body to be brought back from Hawaii for burial.

Marcos died on Thursday in Honolulu at age 72. Aquino banned the body from returning on national security grounds and asked the US Federal Aviation Administration to prevent any aircraft from violating her order.

Attorneys for Marcos said they would file a motion tomorrow asking the Supreme Court to reconsider its Sept 15 decision dismissing a petition to allow Marcos to come home.

Marcos had lived in exile in Hawaii since he was ousted as president in a popular uprising three years ago that propelled Aquino to power.

In an 8-7 vote, the high court agreed with Aquino that the former president's return "poses a serious threat to national interest."

Masses' lawyers hope the justices will reconsider now that the former president is dead and since the vote on first consideration was so close.

"I will certainly respect the decision of the Supreme Court," Aquino said in her weekly nationwide radio programme today.

And I believe they can arrive at the best decision possible."

She said the ban would be continually reviewed but "at this time there is really nothing so far to make me change my original decision, which is not to allow the return of president Marcos' body."

In a statement today, opposition groups declared they would "exhaust all peaceful and legal means" to bring home the body of their late leader.

The statement by Marcos' New Society Movement and the Nacionalista Party of Vice-President Salvador Laurel claimed public opinion favored the burial of the former president "in the land of his birth."

Following a meeting at the presidential palace yesterday Sen. Nepalli Gonzales said Aquino ordered the ban after receiving unspecified intelligence information "of a national security nature."

Imelda Marcos is barred from leaving the United States because she has been indicted on racketeering charges in connection with the alleged embezzlement of Philippine government funds.

Despite government fears of unrest, the few pro-Marcos rallies since his death have been peaceful. Today, about 1,000 loyalists carried banners in a downtown park urging Aquino to reconsider the ban.

They later marched to Camp Crame, headquarters of the Philippine Constabulary, for a vigil.

Eleven of the 99-seat chamber's surviving deputies did not show up for the meeting, called by a three-member Arab committee as part of a new peace plan for Lebanon.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal conceded there was a stormy session last night, but added: "We do not regard this as disturbing in any way. In fact, it is a healthy sign that all views are aired and opinions expressed."

The sessions are being held behind closed doors at the plush conference palace in Taif, east of Jeddah. Reporters are barred from approaching any of the participants.

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**Sheer bad luck**  
Police barred newly arrived East Germans from the West German embassy on Sunday, just hours after the last train filled with East Germans from the embassy left for the West.

Czechoslovak police moved in overnight, blocking the approach to the iron front gate and to the back-yard fence that had served as the main entry point to the embassy compound.

Police led off one young man who tried to scale the back fence. Another succeeded, joining an unspecified number of other East Germans still thought to be inside.

Picture shows an East German couple hugs their baby after arriving at the Bavarian city of Hof. About 3,000 East Germans were allowed to leave their country on four trains coming from Prague via East Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Dhaka cheers visiting Bhutto

DHAKA, Oct 1. (Agencies): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto arrived today on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, the first by a Pakistani head of government in 15 years.

Bangladesh was part of Pakistan until 1971, when it became a sovereign nation after a nine-month war of liberation.

Benazir and her husband, Asif Zardari, were welcomed and cheered by hundreds of thousands of people who lined up along the 14-kilometre (nine-mile) route.

She was received by President Hussain Muhammad Ershad at the airport.

Benazir is scheduled to hold talks with Ershad tomorrow. She will travel to the northern town of Jaipurhat to lay the foundation stone of an orphanage.

Benazir said that Pakistan was determined to help achieve a political solution in Afghanistan.

Speaking at a banquet in her honour that was hosted by Ershad, she said, "We shall continue to work for creation of conditions in that country which will enable millions of refugees to return home in dignity and honour."

"We shall continue to work for settlement which allows the Afghan people to exercise their inalienable right of self-determination."

Officials said the two leaders would discuss repatriation of 250,000 Biharis, who call themselves stranded Pakistanis because they supported Pakistan during the 1971 war.

Pakistan says it is still waiting for enough funds to transfer such a large population squating in camps in Bangladesh to their chosen homeland in Pakistan.

Benazir and Ershad may also discuss the question of assets worth billions of dollars belonging to Pakistan before Bangladesh was formed.

## Crime of passion Boy stabs principal

THE principal of Jaber Al Sabah Secondary School in Umm Al Hailman Area was stabbed several times by a secondary student of the school.

The incident which took place yesterday, resulted in the principal, identified as Khalil Bahour, being taken to the Al Adan Hospital for treatment.

Eyewitnesses said that the student who arrived early in the morning went to the principal's room to discuss a report written about him by a teacher complaining of his misbehaviour.

It is reported that the principal asked the boy to postpone the discussions until the arrival of the teacher. The boy seemed to have been angered at the postponement and is alleged to have taken a paper-cutter from his pocket and stabbed the principal in the stomach and both hands.

Medical sources reported that the principal received a 15-cm long cut in the belly, including a deep 7-cm long cut on the left hand that severed the nerves. The stomach injury needed 15 stitches. The victim Sunday morning was transferred to the Razi Orthopaedic Hospital for further treatment.

Security men rushed to the scene and arrested the 15-year-old suspect, Abdullah Aliqman, director of Ahmadi Educational Area later visited the scene of the crime.

Meanwhile, an educational source at the Ministry severely deplored the act and described it as "an attack on the entire educational body." The source said that the action reflects the low esteem teachers in the society are held.

The accused has been referred to the minors jail for further investigation.

Minister of Education Anwar Al Nouri visited the injured principal at the Al Adan Hospital and wished him a speedy recovery.

The principal told a Seyassah reporter who visited him at Al Razi Hospital yesterday that while he was in his office at 7.00 am on the day of the incident, the student, Nayer, walked into his office and said that one of the teachers had prepared a report on him that could lead to his dismissal from school and that he wanted the principal to intervene.

The principal said "I reassured him that he would not be dismissed and that I would personally request the teacher to forgive the incident. However he came close to me and stabbed me in the abdomen."

He added "I immediately left the office and called for help, and the social studies teacher rushed me to hospital."

Investigations revealed that the suspect student was in love with a girl but his father had refused him permission to marry.

## Kuwait's US envoy fears for Intifada

WASHINGTON, Oct 1 (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States Sheikh Saud Nasir Al Sabah has expressed fears that the current flurry of diplomatic activity surrounding the so-called election plan is solely aimed at quelling the Palestinian uprising and not directed at their bringing about Israeli withdrawal or peace in the Middle East region.

In a major policy statement here yesterday before hundreds of Arab-American leaders and elected officials from across the US, the Kuwaiti diplomat also urged the Lebanese to "give peace a chance" if Lebanon is to emerge as an independent and unified country.

"The current opportunity (by the Arab League effort) might not lend itself to a second chance," Sheikh Saud said.

In his keynote address, the Kuwaiti envoy to the US described the current flurry of political and diplomatic activity towards the so-called election plans in the occupied territories as a "semblance of movement" and nothing more than "a shadow of confusion" where a distinction still remains to be made "between rhetoric and action, real intentions and actual progress."

Sheikh Saud also reminded his audience that "in the excitement of the moment, there is a tendency — especially here in Washington — to forget that all the current diplomatic activity would have been literally non-existent today had it not been for the two-year-old Palestinian uprising — the intifada."

He added, "It took the stone-throwing and heroic actions by Palestinian youth and civil disobedience by a whole population to draw the attention of the world to the plight of the Palestinians under Israeli occupation."

According to Sheikh Saud, "the sole objective (of the current elections plan) is not peace or withdrawal, but a mere attempt by Israel to quell the Palestinian uprising and to return the occupied territories to the status quo as they existed prior to the eruption of the intifada."

If the current flurry of diplomatic activity does not yield any positive results, it is not because the Palestinians are not

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## US sets up fund for ex-internees

WASHINGTON, Oct 1, (UPI): The Senate, responding to the plea of a decorated war hero, Senator Daniel Inouye, Democrat of Hawaii, to do "the right thing," have voted to set up a protected fund to begin paying reparations to Japanese-Americans confined to internment camps in World War II.

Rejecting the warning of Senator Jesse Helms, Republican of North Carolina, that it was violating the budget deficit reduction law, the Senate voted 74-22 to set up an entitlement programme in the federal budget starting in October 1990 to begin paying each camp survivor up to \$20,000 each.

More than 50,000 Japanese-Americans, many given only 48 hours notice, were forced from their homes and placed in remote internment camps in the western United States because of the government's concern about their loyalties after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. They lost their property and many died under harsh camp conditions while their sons fought with distinction in Europe.

"History now shows that their only crime was that they were born of parents of Japanese ancestry," Inouye said.

Inouye lost his right arm in fighting in Italy in the war and received the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism. As a youth in Hawaii, he volunteered for the army, unaware of the roundup of Japanese-Americans until he met their sons in training camp on the mainland.

To this day I look back in awe and disbelief," he said to a hushed gallery of visitors, "that they would nonetheless stand up and take the oath to defend the country that was mistreating them."

Congress voted in 1988 for the government to apologise to the estimated 60,000 survivors and authorised a maximum \$20,000 payment to each internee for a total cost of about \$1.2 million.

## DC-9 mistaken as Libyan

### Ex-spy's hypothesis on 1980 crash

ROME, Oct 1, (Reuters): A former Italian secret service official has said investigations into the mysterious crash of a passenger airliner in 1980 should include the possibility that it was mistaken for a Libyan plane and shot down.

"The hypothesis that an attack was attempted on a plane flying from Tripoli to Warsaw carrying a VIP, for example the Libyan leader (Colonel Muammar) Khaddafi, should be taken seriously," General Ambrogio Viviani said in an interview to be broadcast on Italian radio tomorrow.

An advance copy of the interview with Viviani, a former section head of the Italian secret service, was released yesterday.

Controversy over the crash was revived last week when two air force radar operators said that contrary to previous official testimony, the DC-9 was visible on military radar in Sicily when it went into a steep dive.

One of the radar operators told an inquiry last week that he had been told a VIP plane from Tripoli was flying along a route closed to where the DC-9 crashed into the sea, killing all 81 people on board.

His testimony has fuelled allegations of an official cover-up and revived speculation that the DC-9 was shot down in error by an Italian or foreign fighter pursuing an aircraft carrying a senior Libyan figure such as Gaddafi.

Earlier this year, the Italian Defence Ministry said there was no evidence that the Italian Air Force was involved in the crash.

In the interview, Viviani said he was sceptical of statements that the US aircraft carrier Saratoga, anchored northeast of the crash site off Naples, saw nothing on its radar screens.



Wake up lazy!

A friendly peck on the ear from a red-crested duck failed to wake a dozing hanging-bellied pig enjoying his afternoon sun bath at Madrid zoo. The duck

soon tired of the pig's company and wandered off. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Grudge may be behind Rogers' van blast

SAN DIEGO, California, Oct 1, (AP): A federal inquiry into the bombing of a van driven by the wife of the skipper of the USS Vincennes has shifted the suspected motive from terrorism to a possible personal vendetta, a newspaper reported today.

Investigators are concentrating on an individual who may have had a grudge against the ship's captain, the Los Angeles Times reported, adding that international terrorism hasn't been ruled out as a motive.

Authorities initially interpreted the bombing as a terrorist retribution for the mistaken downing of an

Iranian commercial jetliner by the Vincennes, an Aegis-class guided missile cruiser co-commanded at the time by Capt. Will Rogers.

Rogers' wife, Sharon, was alone in the van and narrowly escaped injury when it was destroyed March 10.

The Times, citing four unnamed sources, said investigators believe the attack may have been the result of an unnamed individual's animosity toward Capt. Rogers. Two sources said the suspect was an American citizen.

## Pan Am blunders: Bonn refutes

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Oct 1, (AP): The West German government dismissed this week as "pure speculation" a British TV report alleging West German investigators committed major blunders before the Pan Am bombing over Scotland in December.

The British Broadcasting Corp. current affairs programme "Panorama" earlier had said that one of the major blunders allegedly made by the West Germans was the release of the suspected bomb maker two months before the Pan Am plane was blown up.

"This (report) is pure speculation," chief government spokesman Hans Klein told reporters in Bonn.

Another high-ranking government official said that nine months after Pan Am flight 103 was blown up over Lockerbie, US, British and West German investigators still have "no clear knowledge" about who may have been responsible for the Dec 21 attack that killed 270 people.

Hans Nessel, the No.2 official in the Interior Ministry, also repeated West German doubts that the bomb had been loaded onto the Pan Am plane in Frankfurt.

All 259 people aboard flight 103 from Frankfurt to New York via London were killed, along with 11 people on the ground in Lockerbie.

The flight changed to a Boeing 747 at London's Heathrow airport.

Nessel said there was no evidence whether the bomb had been placed aboard the plane in Frankfurt or London and investigators were still in the dark about the kind of detonator used.

In an interview with Deutschlandfunk radio station, Nessel said West German investigators have found no links between members of a radical Palestinian group arrested in West Germany in October 1988 and the Pan Am bombing two months later.

"According to the current standpoint of all investigating authorities in Scotland and England, in the United States and West Germany, there is no clear knowledge about the perpetrators or about a group," Nessel said.

But he said the attention of investigators was focusing on the radical, Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

West German authorities arrested 16 suspected PFLP-GC members last October but quickly released 14 of them.

Two are still in custody in connection with other bombing charges, including Hafez Kassem Dalkamoni, a top aide to PFLP-GC leader Ahmed Jabril.

In a US television interview last April, Jabril denied that his group had any role in the Pan Am bombing. But he said Dalkamoni often built and used the type of bomb that blew up flight 103.

The BBC programme said that investigators were convinced that PFLP-GC masterminded the attack. The group has long been the prime suspect.

Among those released in West Germany after the October raid was a Jordanian, Marwan Khreizat. The Panorama programme said Khreizat is a known bomb maker and is widely believed by British and US investigators to have made the Lockerbie bomb and several others.

The programme said Khreizat was now in hiding in Jordan and that the West Germans apparently released the man because he was a double agent who was also working for Jordanian intelligence.

The West German magazine Stern had a similar report in April.



Runcie (left) embraces Pope during vespers ceremony at San Gregorio Church. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Paisley supporters disrupt sermon

### Runcie joins mass

VATICAN CITY, Oct 1, (Reuters): Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie, ignoring earlier jibes from Protestant dissidents, today became only the second holder of his office to attend a papal mass.

The leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, whose remarks on papal primacy within a re-unified Christian church have stirred controversy, had a place of honour on the steps of St Peter's Basilica.

"We must never take our separation for granted... we should never allow our divisions to become tolerable, or worse still, comfortable," he said before the Vatican service at which Pope John Paul led a ceremony for the beatification of 29 people.

"The walls of our division do not reach as high as heaven."

Runcie's first official visit to the Vatican had become highly controversial because of his remarks about the primacy of the Pope.

England split with Rome in 1534 over King Henry VIII's refusal to accept papal authority. At joint vespers with the Pope yesterday Runcie appealed to Anglicans to consider accepting some kind of papal primacy in a re-unified church. The Pope stressed that his office had to be more than just that of a figurehead.

During the Vatican service, Runcie and the Pope embraced during the exchange of peace in front of the pontifical altar and at the end of the mass they walked side by side into Christendom's largest church.

Earlier today, Runcie's sermon at Rome's Anglican All Saint's Church was disrupted by three supporters of Northern Ireland preacher Ian Paisley who called him "arch-demon."

"Lord archbishop. Your visit and your place at the (papal) mass today is a betrayal of the Protestant reformation," shouted the Reverend Brian Green, general secretary of the British Council of Protestant Christian Churches.

Green, the Reverend David Cassels, the council's vice chairman, and the Reverend David Lamer, its treasurer, took off their black clerical jackets to reveal T-shirts which read: "Runcie is a traitor to Protestant Britain."

Ushers hustled the three out of the church and an unperturbed Runcie carried on with his remarks.

Italian police checked the three men's passports, as well as that of Paisley, who waited for them at their nearby hotel.

A Vatican security official said Italian police later made Paisley understand that they did not want him to try to go to St Peter's Square for the papal mass.

It was the second time Paisley or his followers have protested against the Rome visit, which ends on Monday.

In his sermon at the Anglican church Runcie kept up the theme of reconciliation between Anglicans and Catholics. He said it was a scandal that Anglicans and Roman Catholics must celebrate two eucharists to worship one God.

He told reporters after the earlier service that he had some "encouraging responses" to his words on papal primacy.

In the most significant passage of his trip so far, Runcie said at the last night Vespers:

"Could not all Christians come to reconsider the kind of primacy the bishop of Rome exercised within the early church, a presiding in love for the sake of the unity of the churches in the diversity of their mission?"

Pope today beatified 26 priests, friars and seminarians killed by left-wing republicans forces during the 1936-1939 Spanish civil war.

The 26, the latest group of Spanish civil war martyrs to be beatified, were killed between July 23 and Oct 23, 1936.

## Video piracy menaces

### Asia still the hub

TOKYO, Oct 1, (AP): Quicker than Robin could say "Holy smokes, Batman" counterfeit copies of the smash US movie hit surfaced in the black markets of Thailand.

Although efforts to scuttle video piracy have recently strengthened in Asia, it remains the world's hub for counterfeit popular entertainment, copyright experts said yesterday at a seminar sponsored by the third Tokyo International Film Festival.

Video piracy, the illegal taping of copyrighted videos, cost the US film industry 102 billion yen (\$740 million) last year.

Copyright experts and government officials from several Asian countries, including Japan and Hong Kong, reported recent success in controlling heavy video piracy within their borders.

But China, where a video-cassette recorder costs 22 times an average workers' annual income, is only now beginning to face the problem, said Dai Qun, director of the office of the film bureau. China has 26,000 theatres where videotapes are shown to the public — the same number as movie theatres.

In Thailand, video piracy is uncontrollable because copyright laws are not enforced, said Lursak Thavornvanit, director of the Thai Intellectual Property Protection Organisation.

"Batman" surfaced on the Thai black market just days after its US release, he told an audience of about 400 mostly Japanese video makers and distributors.

"It's very difficult for anyone to do a legitimate business because the pirates are so good and so efficient at managing the market, and no one can afford to pay for the legitimate tapes," he said.

Pirated videos, which first appears in 1983, have been illegally duplicated or dubbed, either from legitimate

copies or from movie or television screens. They are sold or rented in video stores at a fraction of the cost of legitimate copies or shown in public places such as hotels and restaurants without payment to the copyright owners, usually the film's producers.

In Tokyo, a legitimate video tape rents for about 1,000 yen (\$7), while a pirated copy costs about 280 yen (\$2).

Japan's video watchdog group says the number of shops offering pirated videos has plummeted in the last two years.

Some 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the 12,000 video stores in Japan sold pirated videos in 1987, but that number has declined to 30 per cent, due mainly to tougher enforcement of copyright laws and a beefed-up law that makes it illegal to possess pirated tapes, says Tomohiro Tokuyama, legal director of the Japan Federation Against Copyright Theft.

Figures from the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. show a \$987 million loss globally to the US film industry from video piracy and trade restrictions in foreign countries. It estimates that piracy will be responsible for 40 billion yen (\$285 million) in losses to the Japanese film industry this year.

American movies are popular fare in Japan, the US film industry's largest export target. Last year, almost three times as many US films were shown here as Japanese films, according to the MPAA.

The top four grossing films in Japanese history are "ET," "Star Wars," "Jaws," and "Ghostbusters," according to industry statistics.

US entertainment, America's second largest export, has netted \$5 billion annually overseas.

In Asia, the hub of the world's illegal video production, "Rambo" can be seen in isolationist Burma and "The Last Emperor" was shown in China.

## Calls to overhaul grants for US schools abroad

WASHINGTON, Oct 1, (AP): Several key members of Congress say it's time to overhaul a \$35 million grant programme aimed at helping US-sponsored schools and hospitals abroad because it has become too

political. Their assertion is backed up by internal State Department records that show administration officials routinely bend the rules in the American schools and hospitals

abroad programme in response to pressure from the Congress. "My interest is in getting people to rethink the programme," said Congressman Lee Hamilton, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East, the region where many of the programme abuses are occurring.

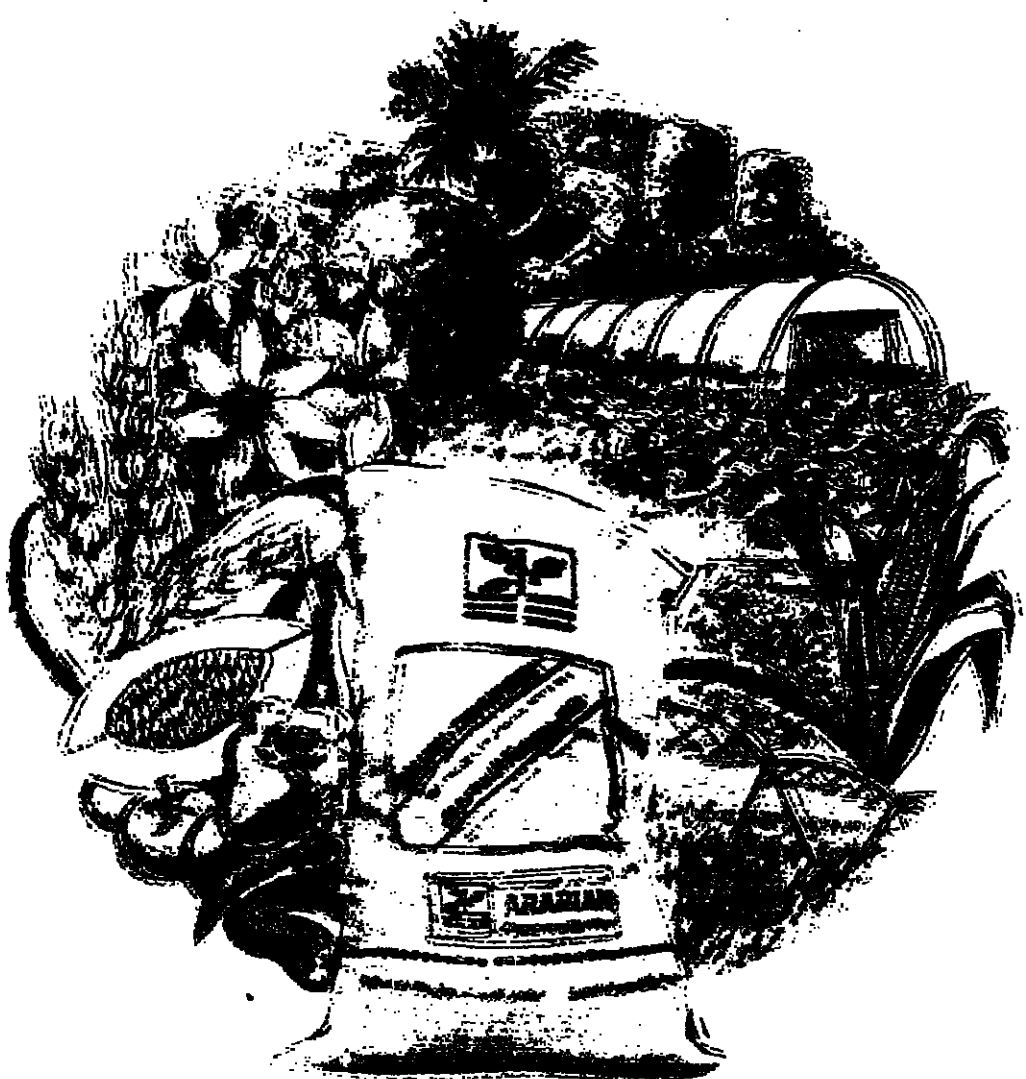
Hamilton and Congressman David Obey, both members of the opposition Democratic Party, recently showed their displeasure with the 28-year-old programme. They

ordered the Agency for International Development, which runs it, to withdraw a \$1.5 million grant intended for an ultra-orthodox Israeli school that trains teachers for other religious schools.

Congressman Dante Fascell, also a Democrat and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has acknowledged he intervened to help an Israeli school get a grant, but said he now believes the process is out of hand.

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## Thomson dies in sleep

NEW YORK, Oct 1 (AP): Composer and music critic Virgil Thomson died in his home yesterday after a long illness. He was 92.

Thomson died in his sleep in the room at Manhattan's Chelsea Hotel where he had lived almost 50 years, said his secretary, Jay Sullivan.

Thomson had a long career as a composer of operas, ballets, orchestral and choral works, as well as film scores and incidental music for plays. He won the Pulitzer Prize for music for his score to the documentary film "Louisiana Story" in 1949 — the only time the Pulitzer has been awarded for a movie score.

He worked with several different styles, deriving inspiration from such sources as Baptist hymns and 19th century popular music.

Thompson learned to play piano at age 5 and worked as a church organist as a teen-ager.

In 1922, he graduated from Harvard University and moved to Paris, where he studied with famed music teacher Nadia Boulanger and met the iconoclastic composer, Erik Satie, who was a great influence on him.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

**FORT WAYNE, Indiana:** A 225-pound (102 kg) convenience store clerk foiled a robbery by sitting on a man who demanded cash, then got three customers to take over while he called police.

The clerk, who asked that his name not be used, said the unarmed man threatened to kill him if he did not open a cash drawer early Wednesday at the Amoco Food Mart.

"I said, 'hey, hit the door,'" the clerk said. "That's when we started tossing and turning. Stuff was flying everywhere. Before that, the place was looking great. I had just waxed the floor."

The clerk said the man, who weighed about 150 pounds (68 kg), "just wanted to forget it" when he found himself on the bottom of the pile. (AP)

**LEEDSDALE, Pennsylvania:** A lost box containing named for rock star David Bowie is back in the classroom again.

His return to biology class at Quaker Valley high school ended a three-week "vacation" for the snake that bothered this suburb of Pittsburgh.

Someone had "borrowed" David without permission from Ed Schroth's Laboratory, and that same person brought him back, the teacher said this week. No questions were asked, and no reprimands were delivered.

David's disappearance prompted nervousness among some nearby residents, who called Schroth to complain about the possibility they might be bitten or choked to death.

But the 6.5 foot (1.98 metre), 19-pound (8.6 kg) boa is small by snake standards and non-venomous, Schroth said. (AP)

## Older women neglect PAP test Cervical cancer

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct 1 (Reuters): A study of US women over 40 have developed advanced cervical cancer showed that most never had a PAP test or waited more than three years between tests while a second study indicated that the tests are keeping down the US rate for the disease.

According to a study released by the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) about 65 per cent of the women surveyed between the ages of 40 and 69 diagnosed with "invasive" cervical cancer — a form which is frequently fatal — neglected PAP tests.

By contrast, only 15 per cent of women under 39 who developed invasive cervical cancer reported that they had never had a PAP test or had put off having additional tests for more than three years.

Overall, the rate of cervical cancer deaths has dropped by 70 per cent since PAP tests were introduced in the 1950s, according to the American Cancer Society.

In a second survey CDC said that cervical cancer accounts for less than three per cent of deaths from cancer among American women, according to the most recent statistics. It is the 11th most common cause of cancer deaths in the United States.

**BOYS TOWN, Nebraska:** Educating youngsters about drugs and alcohol should be the key in any anti-drug effort, says Boys Town's 16-year-old mayor.

As mayor, Randy McBride said he is able to be more visible to teenagers who may need support fighting drugs, gangs and other problems.

"The drugs and the games, they're not just hurting each other. They're hurting the lives of innocent people," McBride, a senior at Boys Town high school, said recently.

"This is a bad time for us (teenagers) because the lure of drugs is so strong and the underground world is really getting bad." (AP)

**BEVERLY HILLS, California:** Cesar Romero, Walter Matthau and other celebrities marvelled at film director Billy Wilder's art collection — and at the multimillion-dollar prices the works are expected to bring at auction.

"Marvelous" enthused actor and art connoisseur Vincent Price. "I just wish I could afford them."

The paintings which have been hung in Wilder's Wilshire boulevard apartment, are to be auctioned by Christie's in New York in November. Bidders are expected to pay from \$5 million to \$7 million for a work by Picasso, \$1.5 to 2 million for a Miro painting, and between \$1.5 to 2 million for a Balinese nude.

"The insurance got too high," added the director's wife, Audrey. "I don't worry about theft, but I was concerned about fire. We lost a lot of good things in a fire in Billy's office at Goldwyn Studios." (AP)

**NEW YORK:** Marlon Brando's performance as a trial lawyer battling South Africa's apartheid system in "A Dry White Season" won approval from the man considered to be the inspiration for the role.

"He's a great actor, and I was truly moved," George Bizos, a lawyer who has handled some of South Africa's most famous political cases, said.

Bizos represented Nelson Mandela in 1963 when the nationalist leader was sentenced to life in prison, and was involved in the inquiry into the death of black activist Steven Biko in 1976.

Bizos, who was attending a conference this week examining a post-apartheid constitution for South Africa, said the film portrays "a compressed reality" of life in the country. (AP)

**DENVER, Colorado:** A couple who won a \$6.5 million lottery jackpot, put off claiming their prize for a few days. They first had to take care of their tomatoes.

Forrest and Edna Hiller of Arvada learned today they had won, but did not turn in their ticket until Tuesday so they could cook and eat a six-month supply of homemade spaghetti sauce.

"Our tomatoes were at a crucial point where we had to take care of them, or we would have lost them," said Hiller, a 66-year-old retiree.

He picked up the newspaper today and checked the numbers. "There, just like a bolt out of the blue, those beautiful numbers showed up," he said.

"I began to shake a little... and then I went up to where she was," he said of his 74-year-old wife. "I was a little frightened to know how to tell her for fear she might have a heart attack or something."

"Finally, I just broke down and said, 'well, we hit the big one.'"

On Tuesday, the couple, who have been married 33 years, received their first annual payment, \$12,500 a month.

The remaining progressive payments will be made over 25 years, with the last to total \$295,347. That payment will come when Hiller is 91 and his wife 99. (AP)

**TOKYO:** Japan's Prince Aya, who left on Tuesday to resume graduate studies in zoology at Oxford University in England, will marry his fiancée next June, the imperial household agency says.

The 23-year-old prince, second son of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, will wed Kiko Kawashima, also 23, in late June. But the exact date has not been set, an agency official said.

Prince Aya is second in line to the throne after his elder brother, Crown Prince Naruhito. He is to resume his second year of study at Oxford's St John's College in mid-October.

On Sept 12, the 10-member imperial household council, led by Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, unanimously approved the engagement of Prince Aya and Miss Kawashima. They first met four years ago on the campus of the private Gakushuin University in Tokyo, where Miss Kawashima is in a graduate course in psychology.

The wedding had to wait at least until after January, the end of a one-year mourning period for Aya's grandfather, Emperor Hirohito. (AP)

**LONDON:** Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards said he overcame his heroin addiction because he did not want his children to be embarrassed by repeated police raids.

"I was on the run all the time," Richards said about his drug-taking years in the 1970s when he lived with German actress Anita Pallenberg and their two children.

"My kids were growing up getting used to letting in hordes of policemen. There was a knock at the door. Is it room service or is the cops?" he told British Broadcasting Corporation radio.

The 45-year-old Richards, known as "the wildest Rolling Stone," was interviewed in New York. The group is on a 41-concert tour in North America. (AP)

**EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, Florida:** Two American kestrels, the product of a surprise union of two injured birds in captivity, have been set free for a life in the wild.

The chicks' parents had been expected to languish in their home at Dreher Park zoo in West Palm Beach, but turned out to be very active.

"We never expected them to reproduce," said Gail Schneider, zoo executive director. "They came into captivity as adults. That's considered pretty stressful for them. So we didn't pay any attention to their breeding behaviour. And then, lo and behold, the female was sitting on eggs." (AP)

**GDANSK, Poland:** The two living Nobel Prize recipients held a warm reunion, with peace prize laureate Lech Walesa saying the works of literary winner Czeslaw Milosz "shaped me and a whole generation."

Milosz, the poet-essayist who won his Nobel in 1980 after having fled Poland in the 1950s, has long been a supporter of Walesa and critic of communist cultural controls. His books were banned throughout the East Bloc but in recent years became available in Poland and several other countries.

"I was in jail several times for (the ideas contained in) Mr Czeslaw Milosz's books," Walesa said.

The two first met in Poland in 1981, during Solidarity's first brief 16-month legal existence that ended a martial-law crackdown. Walesa received his Nobel two years later. (AP)



Peeping pillars

A young visitor to London's National Portrait Gallery sticks his head out from between a series of pillars lining the front of the gallery. The young man was taking time to look out over Trafalgar Square while queuing up outside the building. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Oral sex can spread Aids virus

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 1, (UPI): The first two cases of oral transmission of the Aids virus has been documented by a research team at the San Francisco health department authorities said yesterday.

"The bottom line is that if people have bargained that oral sex is what they're going to do and stay uninfected, we now have direct evidence that it can happen," said Dr George Rutherford, director of the city health department Aids office.

Although the findings are based on interviews with subjects and not on hard scientific evidence, researchers

are "absolutely sure" the gay men studied had contracted the human immunodeficiency virus through oral sex, Dr David Werdegard, city health director, said.

"There have been a lot of questions about oral sex. This indicates it definitely is a risk," Werdegard said.

The two cases of HIV virus were turned up during routine blood tests of a large segment of the community's high risk bisexual male population, Werdegard said.

Followup interview determined that the infected individuals' only exposures to three Aids virus were while they performed oral sex on other men, he said.

## Protests, pickets against abortion

WASHINGTON, Oct 1 (UPI): Police arrested hundreds of anti-abortion activists in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin yesterday during a series of national demonstrations organisers had hoped would be the largest and most peaceful in the movement's history.

Pickets and prayer vigils in most of the estimated 120 cities targeted by anti-abortion forces were conducted without incident throughout the afternoon despite numerous arrests. Some protests fizzled out altogether.

Over 200 chanting demonstrators were arrested in front of two Pittsburgh abortion clinics, and police arrested another 100 protesters at two other clinics in Philadelphia.

Police said 134 people demonstrating in front of the affiliated medical services clinic in Milwaukee were cited for disorderly conduct, trespassing and blocking an entrance.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, a rally outside an old courthouse drew an estimated 1,000 onlookers as organisers called for the federal government to enact a new anti-abortion law.

In Michigan, at least a dozen anti-abortion protesters were arrested at a demonstration outside of a woman's clinic in the Detroit suburb of Lathrup village.

The anti-abortion movement has traditionally scheduled its strongest protest action for the end of September before the Supreme Court reconvenes on the first Monday in October.

Demonstrations yesterday ranging in size from a dozen people to several hundred were held in front of clinics, hospitals and planned parenthood offices from coast to coast. It was the first time the anti-abortionists had targeted planned parenthood, a family planning group based in New York.

Anti-abortionists in Phoenix were met by about 125 abortion rights supporters outside a planned parenthood clinic, but police said the confrontation was peaceful.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Peru's premier, cabinet resign

LIMA, Oct. 1, (AP) — President Alan Garcia named his Foreign Minister Guillermo Larco Cox, to be prime minister yesterday replacing Luis Alberto Sanchez who resigned on Thursday.

Garcia said that Larco Cox has served as Garcia's prime minister, and is one of four to hold the post in Garcia's four-year-old government.

Sanchez, who became prime minister on May 15 of this year, resigned on Thursday to launch his candidacy for re-election to the Senate. He was required by the constitution to resign by Oct. 8 to be eligible for next April's election.

In a traditional gesture, the rest of the 15-member cabinet offered their resignations following Sanchez' departure. Garcia said he would name the new cabinet within the next few days after he confers with Larco Cox. Most of the members are expected to be reconfirmed.

There have been numerous cabinet changes since Garcia took office in 1985. He has had six finance ministers, including Cesar Vasquez Bezan, who holds the post now.

Critics have accused Garcia of not allowing his cabinet ministers much say in running their departments and complain the numerous changes in ministers have not resulted in significant policy changes.

Peru is suffering its worst economic crisis of the century, with huge budget deficits and annual inflation running at more than 5,000 per cent. The government is also fighting two leftist insurgent groups, and is locked in battle with drug traffickers.

Celebrated novelist Mario Vargas Llosa is widely favoured to succeed Garcia, whose term ends on July 28, 1989. Garcia is ineligible for re-election.

**Nicaragua:** Violeta Barrios de Chamorro has been registered as the presidential candidate of an opposition coalition that will be President Daniel Ortega's main competition in the Feb 25 election.

Mrs Chamorro, publisher of the opposition coalition newspaper La Prensa, arrived at the Supreme Electoral Council with a 15-vehicle caravan of supporters.

"We're going to win," she told reporters as she registered as the candidate of the United National opposition.

Lawyer Virgilio Godoy was registered as the vice-presidential candidate of the 14-party alliance.

**El Salvador:** El Salvador's leftist guerrillas expect a complete halt in aid from Nicaragua in the wake of last month's Central American peace accords, but they say they will still be able to maintain themselves as a fighting force.

"We expect the Nicaraguans to comply with the peace accords not 100 per cent, but 101 per cent," said Miguel Saez, a member of the Farabundo Marti National Front's political-military commission, in an interview with the Associated Press.

**Venezuela:** Acting Interior Minister Nerio Ruesco has ordered an investigation into allegations of phone-tapping of government officials which appeared in a local newspaper, officials said.

Ruesco has ordered the Department of Intelligence (Disip) to look into the accusations made by the newspaper, El Diario de Caracas.

According to the report, the editors of the daily received a folder stamped "top secret" with transactions of telephone conversations of people at the top levels in politics, including the president.

**Mexico:** President Carlos Salinas de Gortari begins his first official visit to Washington at a time when US-Mexican relations are stronger than they have been in years.

Salinas said he hopes the closer ties will translate into economic gains.

"Mexican nationalism no longer has to feed on anti-US feelings," said an official close to the president. "Anti-Americanism is no longer a valid issue in the Mexican political debate."

The Mexican attorney-general's office has begun an investigation into the assassination of a well-known defence lawyer and a spokesman termed "speculation" reports that he was connected to the Colombian cocaine cartels.

Carlos Morales Garcia, known for defending accused major drug dealers, was shot to death on Thursday as he drove away from a court appearance with accused drug lord Felix Gallardo. Unidentified men in a van fired 10 bullets into him.

## Cocaine warehouse looted

### Bizarre footnote to historic seizure

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1, (UPI) — Looters and scavengers ransacked the warehouse where authorities made the world's biggest drug bust, carrying off Mexican ceramics and other merchandise stored with the 20 tonnes of cocaine seized by federal agents.

Authorities said a rolltop steel door was left unlocked at the warehouse in Sylmar and the looting began about 4.30 am yesterday (1130 GMT), just after the last of the cocaine had been taken away. Dozens of people tore through stacks of boxes of cheap statues, velvet paintings and Mexican pinatas before agents returned in the afternoon and locked the warehouse.

"There's no obvious method of entry, no sign of forced entry. We just have to assume they pushed the door open," police officer Brett Papworth said.

"There has been a steady stream of people all day long. They're just thrillseekers in my opinion," said Keith Burgess, who worked

through the night at a business next to the warehouse and saw the swarm of looters carrying off the goods that had provided a cover for the drug-trafficking business.

A Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman said nothing of "evidentiary value" was left behind after authorities removed the cocaine.

The looting or souvenir-hunting served as a bizarre footnote to the historic seizure and arrests announced on Friday. The 20 tonnes of cocaine—about five per cent of the world's annual production—was given a retail value up to \$20 billion.

Cartons containing more than \$10 million in cash also were seized in the operation, which began just days ago with a tip from a neighbourhood businessman who noticed suspicious activity.

Police in Huntington Park, one of the suburban cities whose officers joined in the raid, said last night seven people had been

arrested, including three in Las Vegas.

DEA spokesman Ralph Lochridge said the three men, including a father and son, were arrested on Friday at the Flamingo Hilton.

Agents from Los Angeles and Las Vegas arrested Carlos Tapia Ponce, 68, his son, Hector Eduardo Tapia Ponce, 34, and Hector Tapia, 66, about noon.

Authorities said all three were from Los Angeles. Carlos Tapia Ponce was identified as a former Mexican customs official.

Deputy district attorney Curt Hazell told the Los Angeles Times that Carlos Tapia Ponce had rented the warehouse and was the apparent director of the huge drug-smuggling operation.

The three are scheduled for arraignment in Los Angeles federal court on Monday on drug trafficking charges.

Identifies have not been released on the other four suspects, who are Spanish-speaking and claim to be from Mexico, police said.

## Cartel keeps up wave of bombing

BOGOTA, Oct. 1, (Agencies) — A suspected leading drug trafficker has been arrested in Ecuador in the biggest success of Colombia's five-week old crackdown on drug barons but a wave of bombings continued in the Colombian capital.

Evaresto Porras is said to be close to the chiefs of the Medellin Drug Cartel and is believed to be sought by the United States for extradition on drug-trafficking charges.

He was being held in the town of Tulcan in northern Ecuador about 15 km (10 miles) from the Colombian border where he was arrested on Thursday, an Ecuadorian government official in Quito told Reuters yesterday.

Porras's arrest could not be immediately confirmed by Colombian authorities in Bogota.

The Ecuadorian spokesman said no details of the arrest would be released but added Porras, believed to be in his 40s, would be handed over to Colombian authorities soon.

In 1984, Porras was detained in Colombia and sentenced to two years in jail for illegal possession of firearms. He appealed the sentence and was freed two months later.

In January 1987, he was again arrested in the Caribbean island of San Andres on the charge of illegal possession of firearms. A judge ordered his release shortly after, saying there was no case against him.

Porras's name first appeared in 1984 on a cheque for one million pesos (\$12,000) written to Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla. The play later appeared as an attempt to discredit Lara Bonilla, who was murdered a few months later.

Nine bombs exploded in Colombia during the night, seven of them in the capital Bogota, police said yesterday.

The explosions were the latest of 91 bombings across the country in the past five weeks. No one claimed responsibility for the attacks which slightly injured seven people but the blasts were believed to be drug-related.

In Bogota, three bombs damaged five secondary schools, shattering windows in nearby buildings and injuring two teenage girls and a woman.

Two other bombs hit a savings bank, causing heavy damage, and a car workshop.

In the southern city of Cali, home of a cocaine cartel rival to the one from Medellin, two bombs exploded at two supermarkets injuring six people.

The latest blasts occurred about six hours after Colombian President Virgilio Barco, addressing the United Nations General Assembly in New York, asked the world community to do more to fight the drug trade which he called a "social plague."

Urging the community of nations "to choose sides" since there were "no boundaries to the narcotics conflict," Barco asked for a crackdown in Europe and United States on suppliers of the chemicals used to process cocaine.

The presidents of the world's three largest cocaine-producing countries — Colombia, Bolivia and Peru — will meet in a Peruvian desert next month to decide on joint anti-drug strategies, official sources said yesterday.



Gun-toting worker

Chan Boun, 26, a worker at a sack factory, poses with his Soviet-made machine gun during a militia practice. Khmer Rouge guerrillas say they plan to try to take Battambang now that the Vietnamese troops have pulled out of Cambodia. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Czechs tipped as Nobel winners

Woman may get literature prize

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 1, (Reuters) — Two Czechoslovak dissidents are tipped as likely winners of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, while the literature award could go to a woman for the first time in 23 years.

Nobel watchers say former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek, veteran of the 1968 "Prague Spring" movement, and playwright Václav Havel could emerge as winners when the peace prize is announced in Oslo on Thursday.

Also in the running are former US President Ronald Reagan and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, nominated for their 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) agreement to scrap medium-range nuclear missiles.

The Nobel prize in medicine will be announced in Stockholm on Oct. 9, in economics on Oct. 11, and in physics and chemistry on Oct. 12.

Sweden's Academy of Letters, in crisis after three members submitted their resignations, usually gives short notice of when it will name the literature laureate.

Experienced observers, noting that no woman has won the prize since German-Swedish writer Nelly Sachs in 1966, say long-standing candidates Nadine Gordimer of South Africa, US author Joyce Carol Oates or East Germany's Christa Wolf might be in the running.

"There haven't been any leaks, at least not yet, so I have no inside information," one Swedish newspaper culture editor said.

Each prize is worth a record three million Swedish crowns (\$455,000), a 20 per cent rise from last year thanks to high investment returns on the money Swedish dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel left in his 1896 will.

Norwegian state television correctly predicted last year's peace prize winner — the United Nations peacekeeping forces. This year the network and several Oslo newspapers are betting on Hajek, and Havel, a playwright.

Both hit the headlines as Czechoslovakia marked the 20th anniversary of the so-called "Prague Spring" last year.

Hajek was foreign minister in the government which ruled briefly in 1968 before Soviet tanks rolled in.

Havel, known for his work with the Charter 77 human rights group, was released from jail in May this year after serving half of an eight month sentence for inciting political protests in January. The sentence met international condemnation.

The five-member committee that awards the peace prize works under strict rules of secrecy, and has only said that it is concentrating on four of the 101 nominations.

## Bloch may be sacked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, (Kuna) — The State Department is weighing the dismissal of Felix Bloch, the diplomat under suspicion of espionage, but has run into difficulty because a vital piece of evidence may not be usable in a personnel decision, officials said yesterday.

According to the New York Times, the officials said at issue is a surreptitiously recorded conversation in which Bloch, the former No. 2 diplomat at the United States embassy in Vienna, told his wife that he had received money from the Soviet Union for a number of years.

Bloch was suspended with pay from his post in the State Department in June and has been the subject of an intense FBI inquiry that has as yet resulted in no charges.

As in any personnel action, Bloch would have the right to contest his dismissal.

## Fighting continues in West Cambodia

ARANYAPRATHET, Oct. 1, (Agencies) — Heavy fighting continued in western Cambodia today as the Vietnamese-backed government brought in reinforcements to face a drive by non-communist resistance forces, resistance officials and military sources said.

"Reports from the front indicate the forces of (Cambodian leader) Heng Samrin are bringing up reinforcements," said Ieng Mouli, a top official of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

"We might have to stop our advances if there are a lot of reinforcements. It depends on the commanders in the field," he said in a telephone interview.

Ieng Mouli said military reports showed the KPNLF offensive launched yesterday morning had made quick initial progress. He said troops captured at least 10 government positions and large quantities of weapons, including a tank, three artillery pieces, seven mortars and more than 400 light weapons.

Earlier, top KPNLF military officials said their troops had captured the district town of Thmor Puk and penetrated some defences of the key crossroads town of Siem Reap in Battambang province. The same officials could not be reached today.

Military sources at the border said the fighting, along a 30 mile (48 km) stretch from 12 miles to 25 (20 to 40 km) inside Cambodia, was continuing. The low rumble of artillery fire could be heard from the nearby Thai border town of Aranyaprathet.

One military source at the border said the quick victories of the initial push came because the ill-trained Heng Samrin forces agreed to accept payments to abandon their positions before the assaults. That account could not be confirmed by other sources.

An officer of the Heng Samrin government, interviewed at a border market point yesterday, expressed little concern at the claims of major advances by the resistance.

"We are prepared. We have plenty of weapons. We will draw them in and cut them off with attacks from the rear," said the officer.

All border trading points between Thailand and Cambodia were closed today and several Thai villages close to the border were partially evacuated when shells from the fighting landed nearby.

Military sources said the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge guerrilla group had joined the KPNLF in a pincer attack on Siem Reap, but details of the fighting were not clear.

Earlier, Abdul Gaffar Peng-Meth, assistant to the KPNLF commander-in-chief Gen. Ak Sutsakorn, had denied any knowledge of co-ordination with the Khmer Rouge, which is blamed for more than one million deaths when it ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979.

The offensive was launched less than a week after Vietnam proclaimed the withdrawal of its last troops from Cambodia. Vietnam said the troops were no longer needed because the government installed after the 1978 Vietnamese invasion was now strong enough to defend itself.

A number of Khmer Rouge guerrillas have been killed in southern Laos, the official Cambodian news agency SPK said today.

The guerrillas were killed a week ago in Champasak province of southern Laos, which borders Cambodia and Thailand, the report said.

## Pistol-man arrested

MANILA, Oct. 1, (AP) — An American teacher was arrested today after airport customs officials found two pistols and about 100 rounds of ammunition in his luggage, police said.

Jess Walstra, 55, an Illinois native who teaches handicapped children, was arrested after arriving on a flight from California, said Julius Perales, a customs investigator.

Walstra was jailed after preliminary charges of illegal possession of weapons were filed, Perales said.

Officials quoted Walstra as saying he has come to the Philippines for meetings with the Department of Social Welfare and Development. But he told officials he decided to bring along two .22-caliber pistols after reading of rampant lawlessness in the Philippines, the officials said.

Walstra was the third American arrested in the past month for allegedly trying to bring guns and ammunition into the country.

In addition, a Filipino Congressman, Rep. Nicanor de Guzman, was charged with illegal weapons possession after customs seized 319 weapons from his luggage after a flight from California. He was suspended for 60 days by the House of Representatives and is awaiting trial.



Taking a quick break

A young Colombian soldier holds his head in his hands as he takes a quick break from manning a security check point in Bogota. (Reuters wirephoto)

## DC child mortality rate high

# 169 drug babies die

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, (Agencies) — Washington DC infant mortality rate increased by nearly 50 per cent in the first half of the year because of a surge in babies born to cocaine-addicted women, said the Washington Post yesterday.

An estimated 169 infants died before their first birthdays during the first six months of 1989, an infant mortality rate of 32.3 deaths per 1,000 live births, according to the Post.

By contrast, the infant mortality rate for all of 1988 was 23.2 deaths per 1,000.

City health professionals said they had been expecting a rise in infant mortality because of the epidemic use of crack cocaine, which can prompt premature labour and other foetal problems. But they said they were stunned by the extent to which the problem is accelerating and said it reflected a virtual breakdown of family structures in some parts of the city.

They said the rising infant mortality rate also reflects to a lesser degree the impact of last year's congressional cutoff of all public abortion funding in the district.

Many cocaine-abusing moth-

ers, who previously might have had an abortion, are now carrying their pregnancies to term and are having babies who are quite sick and at high risk of death.

An extremely potent form of heroin that appeared in the city recently has caused dozens of overdoses and one death and is overwhelming hospitals, officials say.

At least 42 people have overdosed on the Mexican black tar heroin since Friday morning, and doctors are barely able to handle all the patients crowding the hallways, said Dr Ronald Dieckman, emergency room physician at San Francisco General Hospital, where 38 of the victims were treated.

The emergency room staff heard about the other victims by canvassing other hospitals. Ambulance drivers reported additional uncounted cases, Dieckman said.

"It appears to be the influx of a large amount of an extremely powerful drug dumped into the bay area. Over the weekend we were overwhelmed," Dieckman said. Typically two or three overdoses would have occurred in that period, he said.

All of the patients had stopped

breathing and one 33-year-old man, whose name the hospital did not release, died of an overdose. Others have sustained brain damage as a result of oxygen deprivation to the brain, Dieckman said. The staff has been too busy handling the crisis to complete an accurate count of the injuries, he said.

"Some of these patients are the chronic street users, but we have also seen a whole number of occasional users who are coming in and are overdosed on it," Dieckman said.

Customs agents near the Dutch border intercepted two West Germans trying to smuggle in LSD soaked into stickers bearing the image of Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, authorities said.

Agents at the Elten-Emmerich border crossing found 130 sheets of LSD-treated paper with Gorbachev's image stamped on to look like decals, according to the regional customs office here.

Two West German workers with the civilian service, the government's alternative to compulsory military service, were taken into custody after a search of their sports car turned up the contraband.

## General Rosas honoured in death as a symbol of unity in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Oct. 1, (AP) — The body of a general who ruled violently in the 19th century was brought back to Argentina yesterday and honoured as a symbol of unity.

The casket of Gen. Juan Manuel de Rosas, wrapped in the blue and white Argentine flag and with a red poncho and cavalry saber on top, arrived aboard an Air Force plane from Paris and was flown by helicopter to Rosario, 300 kilometres (188 miles) north of the capital, for two days of ceremonies.

Rosas exercised iron rule over a confederation of newly independent and rebellious provinces from 1835 until he was ousted and sent into exile in 1852. For decades nationalists have hailed him as a hero, and liberals have condemned him as a bloody tyrant.

The government hoped bringing back Rosas' body as a symbol of unity would help resolve Argentina's modern problems. The body was later taken on a navy boat with a military escort to Buenos Aires

for burial there today.

"We cannot construct a true fatherland atop hatred between brothers," President Carlos Menem said yesterday in a nationally televised welcoming speech at a Rosario monument marking the spot the Argentine flag first flew in 1812.

In welcoming Rosas, Menem said, "we are saying goodbye to an old, wornout, anachronistic and absurd country, a country of failure, hatred and false illusions."

"We are saying that there is no more time now place for a country where thinking differently is motive for death and persecution," said Menem flanked by Rosas' descendants, officials, church leaders and uniformed military officers.

Leftist and human rights groups vowed Friday to obtain a million signatures opposing President Carlos Menem's proposal to pardon military officers accused or convicted of human rights abuse.



# Support growing for referendum on US bases in Philippines

MANILA, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Support is growing for a referendum on the future of US military bases in the Philippines, with political analysts seeing it as a way of undercutting senate opposition to continued American presence.

Ramon Mitra, Speaker of the House of Representatives, says the house will pass a bill this week calling for a national referendum

despite opposition by influential members of the senate.

Leaders of the powerful Roman Catholic church have also voiced support for the referendum.

"I think the people should be consulted," Cardinal Jaime Sin, Archbishop of Manila, told reporters on Friday, adding he believed many Filipinos supported retention of the

basis.

President Corason Aquino agreed to hold talks with Washington on the future of the bases in December, after US President George Bush formally asked her to open negotiations in a letter last week.

US Vice-President Dan Quayle delivered the letter and said after a meeting with Aquino he was confident the United States would

secure a new lease for the Clark Air and Subic Bay naval bases which would guarantee them a long existence.

The lease on the basis, America's largest of US soil, expires in 1991. Washington sees them as important for the stability of Asia.

But at least half the Philippine Senate, which must ratify any new treaty, opposes the bases and some have called for an immediate

US withdrawal.

Aquino, who will meet Bush in November, has not stated her opinion but Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos says he favours a gradual withdrawal, possibly over 10 years.

Mitra, a close ally of Aquino, proposed the referendum and said on Friday that the President would ask senators to reconsider their opposition to the proposal.

"I think the President will be campaigning for this stand. She has agreed to it in principle and most likely she will ask the senators to look at the proposal with an open mind," he stated.

Political analysts see the referendum as a way of putting pressure on the Senate as opinion polls show a majority of Filipinos support the bases.

## Son vows to bring Marcos body home

Flags to fly at half mast for three days

HONOLULU, Oct. 1. (UPI): The son of former Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos said his father's body will be returned to his homeland eventually even though President Corason Aquino has refused to allow it.

"He will be brought home. If it takes — I don't know — years, he will be brought home," Ferdinand Marcos Jr., nicknamed "Bong Bong," told reporters after a speech to the United Filipino Council last night in Waikiki.

Asked whether the body would lie in state in the Marcos hillside home overlooking Honolulu until then, Marcos Jr. said that had not yet

been decided.

"There have been several suggestions that he be put somewhere temporarily, none of that has been decided," he said.

Marcos, whose 20 years in power were marked by greed and corruption, died early Thursday of cardiac arrest after being hospitalised since January with a multitude of medical problems. Doctors said lung and kidney failure as well as a widespread infection contributed to the heart failure.

Philippine President Corason Aquino, thrust into power by the "people power" revolution that ousted Marcos in 1986 and sent him,

his family and many supporters into exile in Hawaii, ruled out the possibility of Marcos's burial in the island nation, saying "the wrongs of the past have to be righted."

But in a conciliatory gesture, she ordered flags flown at half-staff over all government buildings for three days and on the still unspecified day of Marcos's burial.

"We have constantly tried to make them understand that our return does not necessarily imply trouble or an attempt to destabilise the government," Marcos's son said.

He said the country's troubles are due to its many factions, of which the Marcos loyalists are one. "Until we are allowed to return home to mend the wounds, I don't think the real unity will actually be achieved," he said.

In his speech to the council, an umbrella group of more than a hundred Filipino organisations in Hawaii, Marcos Jr. called for unity among the Filipino factions in Hawaii as well as the Philippines.

"The military is divided against itself," he said. "Business works for political leaders as opposed to development of the country."

"Political decisions by our leaders in the Philippines today are made not for the good of the nation but to maintain their position and to continue to feed the revenge they feel they must exact from my family," he said.

Marcos Jr. praised his father's 20-year rule, saying "he took a feudalistic, regionally divided nation and made it strong, so that it took its place upon the world stage firmly entrenched in the 20th century. He built the economy and just as importantly, he gave Filipinos a national identity they could be proud of and willing to die for."

"There are those who feel that he had wronged them or somehow made them suffer," Marcos Jr. said. "This is perfectly natural. You cannot build a nation without making some enemies."

Marcos's son said he wanted to extend "a hand of fellowship" to all the elements of the Philippine society. "Let us now move forward together, united and strong, to further the progress of our beloved nation," he said.

Moderator and longtime Marcos loyalist Joe Lazo referred to Ferdinand Jr. as "the future president of the Republic of the Philippines," but Marcos's son said he had no political aspirations. "I would not deny any request of that nature, but I don't foresee it by now," he said.

Marcos's body is still on public view in the Marcos home and is to be moved to Nuuanu memorial park mortuary on Monday to Thursday. A mass is scheduled on Friday at St. Theresa's Catholic church.

State leaders say Hawaii law is unclear on how long the body can remain unburied, and the matter may wind up in court.

"There is nothing that would prohibit the temporary display of a body in a private home if it does not create a health hazard or a nuisance," Attorney General Warren Price said. A court ruling may be needed to define "temporary," he said.



Rally to protest crackdown

More than 3,000 people marked the 40th anniversary of communist rule in China today by joining in rallies to protest the military suppression of the spring pro-democracy movement in Beijing.

The three-hour rally, organised by the Hong Kong Alliance in support of the patriotic democratic movement of China, also included recitals of poems and essays in

memory of those who died when student-led pro-democracy demonstrations were put down in Beijing, June 3-4.

Picture shows a group of activists shout slogans on their march to New China News Agency, China's defacto embassy in the British colony Oct 1. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US offer a headache

217 held in S. Australia

### Base protest ends

SINGAPORE, Oct. 1. (AP): An offer by the United States to increase military co-operation with this tiny island republic could strain Singapore's ties with its neighbours Malaysia and Indonesia.

There was no official reaction today from Kuala Lumpur or Jakarta to the report of an offer by the administration of US President George Bush to send a small number of jet fighters on a temporary basis.

A high-level Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press in Washington that under the proposal, "a small number of people — 100 or less" would be involved.

It was front-page news in Singapore, where the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressed surprise at the report.

The offer came as the US administration prepared for potentially difficult talks with the Philippines on extending the lease of six US military bases, due to expire in September 1991.

The presence of US bases in the Philippines long has posed a dilemma for the non-communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which groups Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei.

While Asean supports the

NURRUNGAR, Australia, Oct. 1. (AP): Police arrested more than 200 protesters at a US-Australia military communications base in South Australia state today, the final day of the protest.

Police said 217 protesters were arrested inside the Nurrungar base's outer security zone today, bringing the arrest total during the five-day protest to 490.

The demonstrators view the base, located 500 kilometres (360 miles) northwest of the state capital of Adelaide, as a possible target for a nuclear attack.

Reporters were not allowed to cover the protesters' march from the second security gate to the main complex.

Base security was tightened yesterday, and 50 unarmed Australian soldiers were brought in to help control the protesters.

South Australian police confirmed the use of mace by one security force sergeant today.

Army spokesman Major Boert Joeske said South Australian police requested assistance late Friday night because some of the protesters had managed to overturn the outer security zone of the base.

There were unconfirmed reports by protesters that five of their group had managed to infiltrate the base, and that one of them disguised as a US Air Force staff member had attempted to enter the base command centre.

creation of a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality, and calls for the ouster of all foreign bases, it also wants continuation of some kind of US security presence, which has allowed the region's economy to boom.

Asean itself is not a military pact, although bilateral exercises take place between armed forces of the group. Singapore belongs to the five power defence arrangement, which obliges Britain, Australia and New Zealand to consult in case of an external

threat to Singapore or Malaysia, both former British territories.

A small Australian unit is based in Malaysia, and New Zealand recently brought home an infantry battalion from Singapore.

"Singapore is prepared to host some US facilities to make it easier for the Philippines to continue to host the US bases there," Brig. Gen. George Yeo, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Parliament on Aug 4.

Whether the phenomenon will continue to grow is questionable. The Liberal Democrats are at record lows in popularity following a series of scandals, introduction of a widely disliked sales tax, and import liberalizations that angered farmers who were steady voters for the party.

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Supporters of Marcos rally to press the government to allow his body to be returned. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Scramble for leadership

MANILA, Oct. 1. (AP): Ferdinand Marcos' death has set off a scramble for leadership of his movement, and some mainstream politicians are seeking the issue of his body's return to win support among the late president's followers.

Marcos died on Thursday in Hawaii, where he had lived since his ouster in the popular uprising three years ago that propelled Corason Aquino into the presidency.

Aquino banned the return of the 72-year-old former leader's body, citing national security. Marcos supporters plan to ask the supreme court on Monday to overturn the ban.

But the decision to ban the body is controversial. Deeply ingrained Filipino tradition demands that the dead be buried in their homeland.

Six pro-Aquino senators in the 23-member Senate oppose the ban, and opposition to it is also strong in the 200-seat House of Representatives. Last Friday, Aquino admitted that the public is equally divided over the issue.

Pro-Marcos politicians see the issue of their late leader's return as a means of winning broad-based sympathy. And politicians not identified as pro-Marcos apparently view the issue as a means of currying support among his followers without being tainted with the excesses of the Marcos era.

Such politicians include Vice President Salvador Laurel and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, both of whom quickly supported the return of the former president's remains.

This may explain in part why there have been no mass protests in the wake of Marcos' death.

Pro-Marcos politicians say they have decided for the time being to avoid mass demonstrations for fear they may lead to violence, provoke a public backlash and ruin chances for the body's return.

The fact that Marcos designated no clear-cut successor will intensify efforts by major politicians to win the support of the late president's constituency.

The nominal leader of Marcos' New Society Movement Party, former national assembly speaker Nicanor Ynguez, has little personal following, and the leadership includes no figure of national stature.

Although Marcos' Popular Support had dwindled since his ouster, the late president still enjoyed a large following among his 10 million fellow Ilocanos, a linguistic group in northern Luzon.

More important, the fortune that Marcos allegedly amassed during his presidency would be a tempting prize for opposition politicians in a nation where elections are marked by rampant vote-buying.

Control of the party machinery and treasury would be a strong base for politicians vying for the presidency in the 1992 election.

Aquino says she will not seek a second term.

The ranks of the government, known by its tagalog initials KBL, include veteran politicians with nationwide contacts developed during the late president's 20-year rule.

In addition, the movement has 19 house seats and controls virtually all the mayoral posts in Ilocos Norte, Marcos' home province. Marcos also is believed to command quiet but extensive sympathy within the armed forces, from whose ranks came the six coup attempts against Aquino.

Previous attempts to unite the Marcos camp with other opposition factions broke down because of personal rivalries and the fact that movement stalwarts refused to abandon the former president as long as he was alive.

Laurel, once a leading anti-Marcos figure, began cultivating contacts with the Marcos family soon after the former president was hospitalised in January. On the day Marcos died, Laurel called for allowing him to be buried here even before Aquino restated her ban.

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With the victory, Kaifu is expected to be smoothly re-elected as President of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) later this month. The post carries with it the office of prime minister by virtue of the LDP's majority in the lower house.

Despite his weak party foothold, Kaifu has taken unexpected initiative in tax and political reforms. He fired the conservative head of the party's tax research council and submitted a plan for electoral reform that would lead to less demand for political funds.

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## Papa... san syndrome

Politics all in the family

TOKYO, Oct. 1. (AP): Loyalty is a prominent virtue in Japan. And when it comes to politics, voters often transfer their loyalties from father to son.

The tradition has brought forward such a large number of second-generation politicians — sons, stepsons and sons-in-law of former lawmakers — that some critics say Japan's political scene is beginning to look like a family affair.

A former bureaucrat, Hajime Morita, says he never dreamed about becoming a politician, but his plans changed when he married a daughter of late Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

"Without inheriting my father's political assets, I could never have become a politician," said Morita, who was elected to the Lower House of Parliament in 1982 after his father-in-law died.

"It was relatively easy for me to enter politics because of my father's political establishment. But I can't imagine how hard and expensive it would be to become a politician without the same assistance I got from my father-in-law."

Critics say the practice, which has been facilitated by the Liberal Democratic Party's dominance, blocks new blood and thought from reaching the government. The party has been in power so long — since 1955 — that many of its veterans are now retiring or dying.

And their sons inherit, among other things, a political machine, voters and a seat in parliament.

While some also may inherit political expertise, critics say the phenomenon means politicians are increasingly different from ordinary people.

"The second-generation politicians are likely to widen the mental gap between politics and the public," said Atsuo Ito, an LDP official who has written a series of articles on political reforms. "It makes people feel that only 'peculiar people' can become politicians."

Currently, 115, or 38 per cent, of 297 governing-party politicians in Parliament's Lower House are either sons, stepsons, grandsons or sons-in-law of politicians. Among them are sons of at least eight past prime ministers.

A record number of second-generation

politicians advanced to the cabinet that Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu named in August. Six of the 20 cabinet ministers are sons of former lawmakers.

Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama became the fourth in his family to serve as a cabinet minister. His father, mother and younger brother were legislators, and all have held cabinet portfolios.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Mayumi Moriama, the highest-ranking woman in the government, is the widow of Kinji Moriama, a onetime transportation minister.

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## Security tight on Chinese N-Day

BEIJING, Oct. 1. (Agencies): China celebrated the 40th anniversary of communist rule today with song, dance — and warnings that there can be no deviation from the socialist road.

Beijing was filled with red flags set against a perfect blue autumn sky as hundreds of thousands of people, riding bicycles or crammed buses, streamed to parks for free entertainment.

Security forces mounted their biggest operation since the army crushed student demonstrations in June to safeguard official celebrations.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping, 85, and top officials watched an extravaganza of fireworks and dancing in Tiananmen Square where four months ago troops and tanks ended the most serious anti-government protest since the 1949 communist takeover.

Deng, who disappeared for more than three months during the summer, looked in reasonable health and applauded the show. Diplomats had not expected him to attend it.

In Sun Yat-Sen Park, named after the founder of modern China, groups of workers filed in order past an imposing exhibition featuring Deng's life.

Thousands of police and soldiers patrolled the streets and parks in jeeps, on bicycles and on foot, some in riot gear and many with automatic rifles and electric prods.

In late afternoon, they sealed off more than a square mile (2.5 square kilometres) around Tiananmen Square, where the top leaders were expected to attend an evening dance and fireworks programme. Only people with special passes were to be allowed into the area to watch.

The square has been under military guard since troops stormed the city June 3-4 to clear student pro-democracy protesters from the central Beijing plaza.

Earlier Sunday, a 300-member military band entertained carefully selected groups in the square with renditions of "In Praise of Our Motherland" and other patriotic songs.

A flower arrangement in the centre of the 40-hectare (100-acre) square shows a huge rising red sun, representative of the Communist Party, surrounded by 11 sunflowers, symbolising China's 1.1 billion people.

Political messages were omnipresent as China recalled the day 40 years ago when Mao Tse-Tung, having defeated Chiang Kai-Shek's nationalists, stood on the rostrum of Tiananmen gate and declared the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Banners in parks and hanging from office buildings warned people of the evils of "bourgeois liberalisation" or "favouring Western ideas. Others congratulate the nation for quelling the turmoil and "counter-revolutionary rebellion," the official description of the massive student-led protests for democratic reforms this spring.

The Communist Party's official People's Daily, in a national day editorial, stressed that history has shown that "only socialism can save China."

"What happened in Beijing not long ago was bad. But in the final analysis it is beneficial to us because it made us more sober-minded," Deng told a North Korean official.

"China's social order has returned to normal," Deng added, quoted by the official New China News Agency.

China's state-run media portrayed the festivities — the biggest since the revolution — as a celebration of communism and a return to normality in Beijing.

In another corner of the square surrounding the temple, a four-piece band was playing tangos while festival officials tried, with little success, to coax onlookers to show their skills.

At Zhongshan park, next to the Forbidden City, 1,000 doves were released in a gesture of peace and goodwill to people around the world.

About 5,000 demonstrators turned out in Hong Kong in the rain today to criticise Beijing's brutal crackdown on the democracy movement on the 40th anniversary of communist rule in China.



## INTERNATIONAL



## King Nikola's remains returns

The remains of the last king of Montenegro were brought back to his homeland yesterday, in preparation for a ceremonial reburial that will display pageantry unseen in this former Balkan kingdom since his coronation.

King Nikola Petrovic-Njegoš ruled Montenegro — today the smallest of Yugoslavia's six

republics — from 1860 to 1916, when he was forced into exile by advancing Austro-Hungarian troops.

Nikola's state funeral today will be the first official recognition in communist Yugoslavia of the country's royal past, which until recently was regularly denounced and ridiculed.

Unable to return to Montenegro after World War I, he died in Italian exile in 1921, and his mountain domain was incorporated into the newly established south Slav kingdom by his nephew, Serbian monarch Aleksandar I Karađorđević.

Picture right: Princess of Yellaveta Karađorđević (right) speaking with the Romanov brothers Nikola (left) and Dragan (centre) during the arrival ceremony of the remains.



Picture left: shows the remains of Nikola during the arrival ceremony in the port city of Bar Sept 30. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Labour set for policy changes

## N-doctrine may be dumped

LONDON, Oct 1. (Agencies) Britain's opposition Labour Party began its annual conference today set to adopt radical policy changes, shift the Socialist movement toward the centre and dump its vote-luring doctrine of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Delegates gathered in Brighton, south England, for the weeklong conference with public opinion polls showing Labour in its strongest position since it lost power to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives in 1979.

"The electorate now regards the Labour Party as electable, which it did not in 1983 or 1987," said Gerald Kaufman, the party's foreign affairs spokesman, referring to Labour's last two general election defeats.

The policy overhaul, endorsed last spring by the party's 28-member national executive committee, virtually assured of being adopted during a series of debates starting tomorrow because of committed support from leaders of major trade unions.

Trade union bosses have the biggest say at Labour's policy-making conferences under a controversial system that gives them huge block votes based on the number of union members.

Already the proposed new platform, which the conservatives dismiss as a cosmetic exercise, has helped transform Labour's fortunes.

Labour has been riddled by factionalism during the last decade and Kinnock is hoping a trouble-free conference will show a united party determined to build on the government's problems and Labour's strong showing in June's European elections.

The government was rocked last week by the third worst monthly trade figures on record, a two-billion-pound sterling (\$3.22 billion) deficit in August, which put it under renewed pressure to raise base interest rates.

Such a move would hit a majority of voters by increasing the monthly mortgage payments on their homes and would also deal a blow to Thatcher's anti-inflationary strategy.

In June, Labour trounced the conservatives in elections for the European Parliament, and has since led by 3-12 points in every national opinion poll.

In the latest soundings, five polls commissioned by Sunday newspapers put Labour between five and 12 points ahead. They ranged from Market and Opinion Research International in the pro-Tory Sunday Times of London, which put Labour at 43 per cent of the vote and the Conservatives at 38 per cent, to Labour's 46 per cent to the Conservatives' 34 per cent in a national opinion poll sampling another Tory supporter, in the Mail on Sunday.

None of the three other national parties, two squabbling centre parties and the Green Party, got more than 10 per cent.

NOP polled 989 voters on Sept 25; Mori questioned 1,739 between Sept 21 and 26. Neither newspaper provided the margin of error.

Key for Labour leader Neil Kinnock is that polls show support consistently topping 40 per cent, the vote-share that under Britain's electoral system is usually sufficient to give a party an outright majority in the 650-member House of Commons.

After a decade of humiliations, Labour also has been boosted by a sense among many voters that Thatcherism has gone too far, and by the collapse of the centre parties, which in 1983 and 1987 split the anti-conservative vote.

Thatcher, who does not have to call an election until 1992, won last time with a huge 102-seat majority.

To regain outright power, Labour would need to win 97 new seats, including some Conservative strongholds in Britain's prosperous south, and achieve the biggest swing against a British government since World War II.

Polls, which put Labour well ahead on such issues as health, education and welfare, also show many voters doubtful about the socialists' ability to manage the economy.

The proposed new policy package, the result of a two-year review Kinnock ordered after the 1987 election, has dismayed the party's left wing.

It stipulates that a Labour-led government would give up Britain's nuclear weapons only in a negotiated arms deal.

This overturns Labour's pledge, adopted in 1981 as the party moved to the left after losing power, to scrap Britain's submarine-launched missiles and shut down US nuclear bases within five years of coming to power.



## Closed shop

A lonely Soviet militiaman stands guard on the empty Red Square in Moscow Sept 30. The square was unusually closed to the public all afternoon. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'A Lebanon' for Moscow

## Flashpoint Nagorno-Karabakh

MOSCOW, Oct 1. (Reuters) A Kremlin official said today that hundreds of people had died in clashes over the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and warned that the area could turn into "a homemade Lebanon" for Moscow.

"Already hundreds have died in the past year and a half in mutual clashes, pogroms, and carnage," Valery Sidorov, a member of the Kremlin committee governing the small region, said in a newspaper interview.

Until now, information issued by authorities has indicated that more than 100 have died in the fighting between Armenians and Azerbaijanis.

In the interview with Argumenty i Fakty, Sidorov gave no exact figure and no breakdown of where and when the victims died.

The Kremlin committee on which Sidorov serves took over control of Nagorno-Karabakh in January after a year of unrest in and around the area. Nagorno-Karabakh is part of Azerbaijan, but its Armenian majority wants it to join Armenia.

Despite the presence of thousands of Soviet Interior Ministry troops sent to both republics to restore order, Sidorov said the situation was more tense than ever, with more

and more attacks on the servicemen themselves.

"Not a single day and night passes without shots, explosions, mines, arson and pogroms," Sidorov said. "Cars are fired at, hostages are held, highways and railways are barricaded."

"If we don't bridge these forces we will get a homemade Lebanon in the Caucasus," he said, adding that Armenia and Azerbaijan were ready at any minute to turn what he called the cold war between them into a real, civil war.

Until now, the largest death toll announced in any single clash over the issue was in the city of Sumgait, Azerbaijan at the end of February, 1988. Thirty-two people, most of them Armenians, were reported killed in three days of pogroms there.

The Moldavian Communist Party has endorsed the idea of limited autonomy for the Gagauz, a small minority group seeking more control over its cultural and economic affairs, the Soviet news agency Tass said today.

The legislature of the Baltic republic Lithuania has ordered government officials to negotiate with Moscow to permit youths to perform their military service close to home, an activist said yesterday.

## Train runs over healer

## Psychic has his limit

MOSCOW, Oct 1. (AP) E. Frenkel, one of the Soviet Union's growing number of psychic healers and mentalists, tested his powers stopping bicycles, automobiles and streetcars. Then he tried to stop a train, and was killed.

The daily Sovetskaya Rossiya today said investigators looking into Frenkel's decision to jump in front of a train near the southern city of Astrakhan, found the answer in the brief case the dead man left by the side of the track.

"First I stopped a bicycle, cars, and a streetcar," Frenkel wrote to himself in notes that the investigators found. "Now I'm going to stop a train."

Frenkel apparently felt he had found a universal secret of psychic-biological power and that his effort to halt a train would be the ultimate test of his powers, according to the notes. "Only in extraordinary conditions of a direct threat to my organism will all my reserves be called into action," he wrote.

In the last several months, the Soviet Union suddenly has become awash with mentalists and self-proclaimed psychics who are appearing on state-run television, drawing huge crowds, and receiving thousands of letters with appeals for help.

Perhaps the most popular, former television journalist Alan Chumak of Moscow, appears daily on the morning TV news and variety programme "120 Minutes." He claims his mental energy can help people over the television.

## Secretive whites meeting blacks

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 1. (Reuters) South African President F.W. de Klerk's brother and other members of the secretive Afrikaner Broederbond group are meeting the African National Congress (ANC) in England today, a Johannesburg newspaper reported.

The Johannesburg Sunday Times said in a front-page report that the Wimpie de Klerk and leaders of the Broederbond, which heavily influences the ruling Nationalist Party, would meet ANC officials at an undisclosed venue somewhere in England.

The ANC delegation will be led by its information chief Thabo Mbeki, widely tipped as a successor to ruling ANC leader Oliver Tambo.

The ANC is the main black nationalist guerrilla group fighting to overthrow white rule in South Africa.

"The meeting is particularly significant because of the Broederbond members' close ties with senior government ministers, particularly (Constitutional Planning Minister) Gerrit Viljoen, at a time when the new De Klerk government is embarking on fresh attempts to get influential black leaders involved in the negotiating process," the Sunday Times said.

Viljoen, one of De Klerk's closest confidants, is the minister charged with spearheading negotiations with blacks over a new constitution.

He is also a former chairman of the Broederbond, regarded as the rock on which Afrikanerdom was built, and has guided government policy since the National Party came to power in 1948.

Hundreds of black and mixed-race people staked their claim on two whites-only beaches yesterday, picnicking, swimming, singing and praying under the watchful eyes of the police.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, wearing a yellow sun-hat emblazoned with the slogan "free the beaches," and a T-shirt saying, "Just call me Arch," jogged on the beach in the conservative town of Strand, about 50 kilometres (20 miles) east of Cape Town. The crowd of demonstrators grew to an estimated 1,500 by afternoon.

Tutu later held a prayer service, after arguing with police who had told the crowd over loudspeakers that they were violating the law.

Hundreds of protesters also held a seaside picnic in an eastern Cape province town where the city council has tried to end beach segregation.

Some families left the Strand beach during Tutu's discussion with the police, but most stayed, opening their picnic lunches, swimming and wading. About 100 whites watched from the roadside, many criticising the protest as they talked among themselves. Police took no action.

About 1,000 people of all races gathered peacefully under heavy police supervision in Port Elizabeth, in the eastern Cape Province, dancing and singing as a sign was erected declaring the end of apartheid on Pollock beach.

## Party seals unity between Nkomo and Mugabe

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Oct 1. (Reuters) Veteran Zimbabwe politician Joshua Nkomo threw a huge birthday and wedding anniversary party at the weekend and President Robert Mugabe was there to seal the unity between the two former rivals.

The two-day festivities preceded important congresses of Nkomo's PF-Zapu party and Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF, due to merge later this year in accordance with a 1987 agreement.

Political analysts said Nkomo wanted to

show his political might and to sell the accord to supporters in his home province of Matabeleland.

"It was also a warning to the ruling party that he intends to be an equal partner in the new united party," one said.

Nkomo, 72 in June this year, invited thousands of people to Bulawayo, capital of Matabeleland, for the party, also marking 40 years of marriage to his wife Johanna.

But the turnout at Bulawayo's Barbourfields stadium was below expectations, with

only 2,000 guests yesterday and 6,000 today.

Well-fed politicians and business leaders mingled with city workers and even hungry villagers from drought-hit Matabeleland.

Nkomo and Mugabe reaffirmed their commitment to the unity accord, which ended years of rivalry between Zimbabwe's two main political groups.

Mugabe, Nkomo's former press secretary, broke away in 1962 to form his own militant party and in 1980 became the first prime minister of independent Zimbabwe.

## World News Roundup

## America

**34 hurt in bus accidents:** A tractor-trailer loaded with steel coils crashed in a disabled tourist bus in Cleveland, injuring 22 people.

In Iowa, a car rammed a school bus carrying band students in an accident that injured 12, police said.

No fatalities were reported in either accident, police said.

In Cleveland, the bus, known as Lolly the Trolley and designed to resemble a trolley, was used to carry visitors on sight-seeing tours. It had stopped on Saturday because of mechanical problems on a freeway carrying traffic from interstate 71 to interstate 90, said Sgt Kenneth Kirchner.

**Soviets apologise:** The Soviet government has apologised after one of its warships fired on a US Navy aircraft late last week, a US Navy spokesman said on Friday.

The incident, which took place on Sept 22, occurred in international waters south of the Greek island of Crete.

Lieutenant Commander Gene Spratt, a navy spokesman, said the Soviet warship was apparently conducting firing exercises when it fired its rear gun in the general vicinity of the navy P-3 aircraft.

"Our conclusion is that the firing was incidental to the P-3 being in the area," said Spratt. "The Soviet response expressed regret... we are pleased with the Soviet response and consider the incident satisfactorily resolved." (Reuters)

**Dissidents call an end to protest:** Dissident parishioners of a predominantly Polish Roman Catholic church say they have ended their 41-week demonstration calling for the resignation of their pastor.

"We're frustrated and it's time to stop," said Brian Syc, a spokesman for the group.

## Europe

**Papandreou accuses:** Former premier Andreas Papandreou yesterday accused the government trying to blame his party for the assassination of a prominent conservative member of parliament.

Papandreou alleged that "an orgy of disinformation" had followed the killing Tuesday of New Democracy Party spokesman Pavlos Bakoyannis by members of the leftist November 17 terror group.

The former premier charged in a statement that it was part of a concerted effort to "stain the image and slander" his Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasek) before expected new elections on Nov 5.

The conservative-left coalition government denied Papandreou's charge and challenged him to say what he had done during eight years in power to combat terrorism. (AP)

**Local council elections:** Germany's most populous state votes for local councils today after a campaign overshadowed by the waves of East German refugees pouring into the country through Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The vote in North Rhine-Westphalia, home to a third of all West German voters, will be the first of several trial runs Chancellor Helmut Kohl's troubled coalition will make before general elections in December 1990.

The state, dominated by the coal-and-steel heartland in the Ruhr basin, is a stronghold of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), who run the state government and most city halls alone or in coalitions with the ecologist greens.

But Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU), who have lost votes in three elections earlier this year, have jumped on a wave of nationalism boosted by the arrival of thousands of East German refugees fleeing their hardline communist homeland. (Reuters)

**Honecker to undergo surgery:** East German leader Erich Honecker will travel to Switzerland for surgery, a West German newspaper said today in a report attributed to Western intelligence services, that followed speculation Honecker was suffering from cancer.

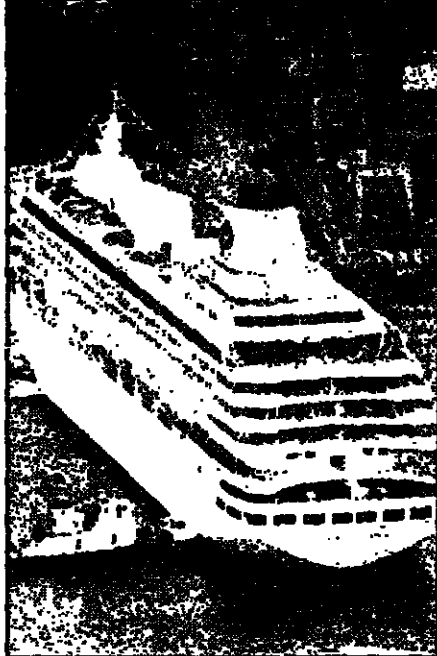
West Am Sonntag said Honecker would travel to Switzerland immediately after celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany), Oct 7.

Today's paper gave no further details of the claims.

Speculation that Honecker had cancer was fuelled in early September when security sources in Bonn said a gall bladder operation Honecker had undergone was unsuccessful.

The 77-year-old leader resumed his duties last week after a five-week absence from office, during which he underwent surgery. (UPI)

**Mazowiecki to visit Italy:** Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki will visit Italy in October and meet with Pope John Paul II, his first trip since becoming the East bloc's only non-communist government leader, state television reported yesterday.



## Luxury liner

The 49-tonne luxury liner Christal Harmony being launched at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Nagasaki Shipyard on Sept 30. The 241-metre-long ship, capable of carrying 960 passengers will be transformed into a floating hotel by the end of next June and set sail for the southern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea next July. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Gorby to visit Italy

MOSCOW, Oct 1. (AP) The Soviet Union announced today that President Mikhail Gorbachev will visit Italy from Nov 29 until Dec 1.

A visit to Italy long has been included in the Soviet leader's plans for this year, but the date previously had not been announced. The official Soviet news agency, Tass, which announced the dates, gave no details of his itinerary.



## Red hot slippers

With the long cold nights of winter just around the corner in Finland these unusual slippers may be just the thing to keep one's feet warm. (Reuters wirephoto)

## White cliffs of Dover

**First eight**

DOVER, England, Oct 1. (AP) The American who wrote "The white cliffs of Dover" saw the chalky landmarks for the first time today, 48 years after he wrote Vera Lynn's World War II hit.

As he viewed the cliffs from the grounds of Dover castle, Walter Kent said: "It's how I imagined they would be all those years ago."

Walter, 72, said it had been his lifelong wish to visit the English Channel port he immortalized in the 1941 "There'll be birds over the white cliffs of Dover."

Mazowiecki, a Solidarity journalist closely allied with the Roman Catholic church and a friend of the Pope, will also meet his Italian counterpart, Giulio Andreotti, and other key political and business leaders, according to the evening television news.

The same report was carried by the state news agency PAP, attributed to unspecified Italian newspapers.

Mazowiecki had said after being approved as prime minister Aug. 24 that his first trip would likely be to see the Pope. Immediately after the parliamentary vote, he had two telephone conversations, the first with the Pope and the second with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa. (AP)

**Mass graves found:** The bodies of 3,311 Polish officers and soldiers were found in five mass graves in the Lithuanian village of Kalety Polish television reported Friday.

Witnesses said they were shot by Soviet troops, although not by the NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB or secret police.

More than 15,000 Polish officers were interned in three Soviet camps during World War II and subsequently disappeared. In 1943, Nazi Germany, which overran Soviet territory, announced the discovery of a mass grave of 4,250 officers in the Katyn forest near Smolensk.

The Soviet Union still has not formally admitted responsibility for the deaths of the officers despite overwhelming evidence that the NKVD was responsible for their executions. (UPI)

**Communism has failed:** Nato Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said yesterday that behind the rhetoric of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was the unspoken admission that communism had failed.

"The reform of East Europe and Soviet communism is becoming an enormous challenge because, behind the rhetoric of a common European home, there is a reality of an ever-increasing gap between East and West, the reality of a failed socio-economic experiment which now implicitly accepts its own bankruptcy," the head of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said.

Addressing a conference in Turin on "the role of Nato — 40 years on," Woerner said political pluralism in East Europe was the only way to avoid impending tragedy and to reduce in the long term the gap between East and West. (Reuters)

**Protesters remember Chernobyl:** A thousand people packed the main Catholic church in Minsk today to pay tribute to victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, a day after an unprecedented protest march through the city.

Kalvarisk church was overflowing with people, many wearing armbands with radioactive symbols. They sang hymns and said a prayer for those who died or suffered from radiation in the April 1986 accident.

Similar services were scheduled for later in the day in the Byelorussian capital's two orthodox churches.

Yesterday over 15,000 demonstrators ignored an official ban and poured rain to march through Minsk demanding that local authorities do more to clean up the Chernobyl accident. (Reuters)

**KGB holds racketeering student:** Soviet KGB security police have arrested a racketeering group of students who tried to extort 15,000 roubles (\$23,300) from a Moscow co-operative. Tass news agency said on Friday.

The group, which threatened violence if the co-operative did not pay the money, turned out to be students at a Moscow college. Tass did not say how many were involved and none was identified by name.

The firm told police and the KGB detained the racketeers as they were picking up the cash. (Reuters)

**Etna spews lava:** Fountains of lava spewed yesterday from a new crater on Mt. Etna, sending a red-hot river of lava flowing down the eastern slope of Europe's most active volcano.

Vulkanologists said the lava gushed from a 170-metre (560-foot) crater that opened 2,600 metres (8,500 feet) up the mountain after a series of tremors on Thursday.

News reports said the river of lava 15 metres (yards) wide had snaked down to the 1,400-metre (4,500-foot) level and was still oozing forward at about 10 metres (yards) an hour. (AP)

**Air hooligans blown off course:** A Danish ballroomist and a Soviet student tried to land in Moscow's Red Square this week but were blown off course by strong winds, the Communist Party daily Pravda said yesterday.

The two, described by the newspaper as "air hooligans", touched down near the ring road on the outskirts of Moscow on Wednesday, but only after forcing traffic controllers to alert the pilot of a passing Tupolev passenger jet.

Pravda said the two, whose exploits recalled those of West German teenage pilot Mathias Rust, took off from Moscow's Gorky Park.

**Quake hits Thailand, Burma:** A strong earthquake, measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale, struck northern Thailand and the Burmese border area early today, Thailand's meteorological department said.

The epicentre of the earthquake was in Burma, about 20 kilometres (12 miles) west of the northern Thai town of Chiang Mai, said an official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Tremors could be felt as far away as Bangkok, about 380 kilometres (240 miles) to the south. Tall buildings in the capital shook noticeably for several minutes.

Another earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit the same area yesterday.

**Army chief sympathises:** An army chief of Burma, where troops killed thousands of pro-democracy protesters last year, says he sympathises with authorities in China, where hundreds were shot in June, the State newspaper reported on Sunday.

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# Freedom train carries 7,000

E. Germany allows refugees to leave Warsaw, Prague

HOF, West Germany, Oct. 1, (AP) Special trains from Warsaw and Prague rumbled through the night, carrying thousands of East German refugees to freedom in West Germany today. In Prague, there were reports that the exodus had prompted even more East Germans to try to flee.

An agreement between West Germany and communist East Berlin cleared the way for the exodus of thousands of East Germans who had been held up in Bonn's embassies in Warsaw and Prague.

One welcoming banner in the northern Bavarian city of Hof predicted that East Germany would soon be an "empty coffin." Officials said the total number of refugees arriving from Prague and Warsaw would be around 7,000, far more than originally expected.

Hungary's decision last month to open the floodgates to East German refugees already has brought more than 24,000 people to West Germany via Austria.

The first train carrying East Germans who had sought refuge in the West German embassy in Prague arrived in Hof at 6.14 am (0514 GMT). Many were cheering and weeping for joy.

Two more trains had arrived by 10.30 am (0930 GMT), bringing the total from the first three trains to more than 3,000 people. Three more trains were expected during the course of the day from Prague, carrying about 1,000 people each.

Earlier estimates were that about 3,500 refugees were expected, although officials in Hof said that figure did not include many of the children accompanying their parents.

In addition, Bavarian border police spokesman Klaus Papenfuss said some East Germans who had not even been at the embassies in either city reportedly went directly to the railroad stations to board the special trains bound for the West.

A train carrying more than 800 East German refugees from Warsaw was expected to reach West Germany at the Helmstedt border crossing late this afternoon.

Meanwhile, West German officials in Prague said that about 100 East Germans had sought refuge at the embassy after the compound was cleared in the early morning hours today.

## Rushing

Witnesses also said that scores of East Germans were rushing to Czechoslovakia in cars after learning of the decision to allow the others to leave. Police, who ringed the West German embassy in Prague this morning to thwart any more would-be escapees, later opened its doors to about 100 of the late arrivals.

Several hundred local residents who gathered to greet the newcomers in Hof applauded and cheered as the train pulled into the station.

Well-wishers handed out bottles of wine, champagne and fruit as the East Germans got off the train. Red Cross volunteers distributed hot tea, noddle soup, baby food and diapers.

The arriving East Germans were being taken immediately to several refugee processing centres and temporary shelters set up by the West German border police and the military, officials said.

Several former East Germans, who had fled to the West earlier from Hungary, carried a banner that read: "We got out through Hungary and you made it through Prague. Soon the zone (East Germany) will be an empty coffin."

West German law automatically grants East German citizenship on arrival. More than 100,000 East Germans have emigrated or fled to West Germany so far this year.

## Jubilant

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher made an unexpected visit to Prague yesterday and delivered the news to jubilant East Germans at the embassy.

Genscher, who fled to West Germany in 1952, called the agreement and his reception at the mission in Prague "the most moving hour of my political work."

He told reporters the solution was agreed on early yesterday in consultations with the East Germans, Czechoslovaks and Poles.



Two East German girls overjoyed after learning on Saturday in Bonn's embassy in Warsaw they would be allowed to go to West Germany together with more than 600 other refugees. (Reuters wirephoto)



An overjoyed mother is being hugged and kissed by their daughters as she just leaves the West German embassy in Prague. (Reuters wirephoto)



A West German tourist guide of Prague (left) hugs an East German refugee after being freed from the West German Embassy in Prague. (Reuters wirephoto)

# We made it, we made it

HOF, West Germany, Oct. 1, (AP) A young East German woman screamed "we made it, we made it," as she sobbed with happiness among the throng of refugees arriving in Bavaria from Prague today.

The tired-looking refugees, many with small children, showed nearly unbounded joy as crowds of West Germans welcomed them at the train station in this northern Bavarian city.

Elke Ebecke, her 12-year-old son Thomas and daughter Christine, age 3, were trying to make their way through masses of other refugees and well-wishers on the train platform after arriving.

"My husband managed to make it across through Hungary three weeks ago, but we didn't go," the 32-year-old woman told the Associated Press. Her eyes wet from tears as she squeezed her son's hand.

Mrs Ebecke, from the Leipzig area, was on the second train packed with East German refugees that arrived in Hof from Prague, Czechoslovakia.

"My husband, Uwe, doesn't even know we're here yet," she said.

Annamarie Leuz, 32, who was already aboard a connecting train, told of how West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher late yesterday announced that the refugees at Bonn's embassy in Prague would be permitted to go West.

"I was just walking by in the embassy garden when he said it. Such a cheer went up from all the people. It was unbelievable," she told the AP.

"I had applied three times in two years to leave for the West, but they turned me down each time. I went to Prague, because I thought this was my only chance," she said.

The refugees formed long lines at public telephones in the train station to call their families in East Germany on relatives in the West.

Outside the train station, many refugees were picking out donated clothing stacked high on dozens of yellow railway carts.

Red Cross, police and railway workers mingled in the crowd, many chatting, some handing out hot drinks, bananas and bowls of soup.

In the station snack bar sat 21-year-old Mike Mueller and his wife Monique, 19.

Monique, a cook, and her husband, a waitress, said they went to the West because they were fed up with harsh political conditions at home.

"They (communist authorities) control everything you do," Mueller said. "We applied to go to Hungary on vacation, but they turned us down. We didn't need permission to go to Prague, so we went to the embassy and joined the others, hoping to get out."

West Mueller said, "You can't get ahead over there (in East Germany). You always have the feeling you are being watched. You are afraid to discuss anything with your friends."

She said the East German news media "lie and try to tell us the West just wants to make slaves of us. They really think we're so stupid we don't know better."

## Soviet arms control proposals

# Hardliners smell sabotage

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, (KUNA) Administration and congressional hardliners today were warning that the latest Soviet arms control proposals may be intended to sabotage the US "Star Wars" (SDI) missile defense programme.

Also, several State Department officials told the Washington Post the Soviet ideas floated last weekend in Wyoming were new, but Pentagon officials argued that they contained unacceptable provisions.

In the immediate, happy aftermath of the Wyoming meetings, both sides asserted much progress had been made towards a strategic arms treaty by agreeing to "de-link" the accord from a bitter dispute about space weapons.

But Pentagon space arms expert Kent Stansberry, in an address expressing the military's second thoughts following the meetings between Soviet Foreign

Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and State Department Secretary James Baker, said of the Soviet proposals, "So far, we've seen nothing different" from before.

He noted the Soviets in the 1987 superpower summit here already outlined the major elements of the "new" proposals made in Wyoming.

In the earlier conclave, both sides agreed to adhere "as signed" to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty.

He suggested he would stay on as union chief until taken in consultation with the government.

At a news conference in Warsaw, new government spokesman Malgorzata Niezabitowska said the gasoline price hikes were handled badly and that Kuron did not know at the time the government had been involved in the price hikes.

"I think the public should be warned," she said. "The whole affair was not correctly handled."

Walesa also said he would retire from active political life, a promise he has made several times before.

He suggested he would stay on as union chief until

the Solidarity Congress, expected early next year. But — as in the past — he also held open the possibility that he would stay on if the Congress does not elect a new leader he deems suitable.

He said that means he would be left with the union, "but I would be wrong to leave the union now. I have to stay until the Congress and if need be I will jump the fence again, just like in 1980."

That was a reference to his jumping over the Lenin shipyard fence to lead the strike that resulted in the formation of the first independent trade union in the east bloc.

## Premadasa's peace bid

# Lanka offers polls

COLOMBO, Oct. 1, (Reuters) Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party today offered fresh elections, dissolution of Parliament and an amnesty for Sinhalese rebels as they end violence and commit themselves to democracy.

A party working committee, chaired by President Ranasinghe Premadasa, also suggested that the government lift immediately a state of emergency, in force since last June, and protect members of the left-wing Sinhalese People's Liberation Front.

The Leftist Front has been fighting for the past two-and-a-half years to overthrow the government. It has rejected several appeals to end violence and negotiate demands.

The committee said in a statement after a special meeting that the government should implement this request only after all political parties including the front fulfill four conditions:

- Pledge their commitment to peace and democracy
- End violence and sabotage immediately
- Surrender all unlicensed firearms
- Disband any illegal paramilitary forces

The committee said that an amnesty should then be given to all those detained under emergency regulations and the prevention of Terrorism Act.

Earlier the government said that front rebels, ignoring a unilateral ceasefire by the security forces, killed 16 people including three Buddhist monks

## Curbing Colombo poverty

# Cash for poor

COLOMBO, Oct. 1, (KUNA) Sri Lanka begins tomorrow an experimental effort to cut down poverty of an estimated six million people in the Indian Ocean island through a Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP) undertaken by President Ranasinghe Premadasa official sources said.

Premadasa who rode to power at the presidential elections late last year on a pledge to eradicate poverty among the poorest of the poor will hand over a sum of about \$60 to each of about 180,000 families entitled for the support scheme in 28 assistant government agents divisions in the country the sources said.

About half of the money will be given to the families for consumption and the balance will be deposited in a bank to allow the poor recipients to invest in some income earning project.

The PAP — called Janasaviya in local parlance, meaning people's strength — will also grant through commercial banks a lump sum of around \$600 to the poor to start a productive venture and the government will stand surety. PAP programme source said.

The government has decided to spread the programme to eleven stages and it will be an ongoing exercise, officials said.

over the past two days.

Thirananaga Ratnasara, a 69-year-old monk and scholar, was killed at his temple in southern Hambantota on Saturday by suspected rebels, it added in a statement.

A note left by the body said the killing was punishment for helping the security forces, military sources said. The other two monks were killed in separate attacks.

The front has not responded to the ceasefire due to end on Tuesday morning. It was declared on

Sept 27 for 72 hours and extended on Saturday for three more days.

Military officials said the level of violence had reduced since the ceasefire. An average of 30 killings a day was being reported before that.

Sri Lanka's ruling and opposition parties made a joint call on Saturday for the rebels to join a peace conference that reconvenes on Oct 12.

The emergency was imposed in June after widespread strikes and killings by the rebels.

# Pakistan back in C'wealth quietly

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 1, (Reuters) Britain's envoy in Islamabad reversed the brass plaque outside his residence last night as Pakistan slipped quietly back into the Commonwealth after a 17-year absence.

Ambassador Nicholas Barrington became High Commissioner at midnight in line with practice in the 49-member association of former British colonies.

When the sign denoting the home of the "British ambassador" was removed from the wall, Barrington found "evidence of the British high commissioner" engraved on the back.

The plaque was apparently a relic from 1972 when Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto took Pakistan out of the Commonwealth in protest at its recognition of breakaway Bangladesh.

The late Bhutto's daughter, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, has taken it back in. She was coincidentally leaving later today on a visit to Bangladesh, which seceded from Pakistan after a bloody civil war in 1971.

Benazir will also attend the Commonwealth summit in Malaysia on Oct 18-24.

Pakistan's re-entry into the Commonwealth passed largely unremarked. The only formal recognition was a small midnight reception hosted by Barrington at the renamed high commission.

He and nine other Commonwealth heads of mission took their transformation from ambassador to the less-glamorous high commissioner in good spirit.

"High commissioner is a rather special designation. It designates a special family relationship," Barrington said. "Pakistan's voice has been absent for too long."

It's a new beginning in the old family," added Iqbal Akhund, Benazir Bhutto's special adviser on foreign affairs.

Commonwealth diplomats said that while membership brought some tangible benefits like student scholarships, its main value was as a forum for debate and co-operation between governments on a wide range of issues.

Pakistan's return was blocked for years by its traditional foe India. But New Delhi dropped its objections when Benazir's election last year put an end to 11 years of military rule in Pakistan.

Printers of visiting cards and headed notepaper in Islamabad are profiting from the change.

# Bangla ferry attacked Tribals kill 13

DHAKA, Oct. 1, (AP) Tribal militants shot and killed at least 13 people and injured 21 others in two separate attacks in the southeastern Chittagong Hill Tracts, United News of Bangladesh has reported.

Militants fired automatic rifles on a ferry in Rangamati lake early yesterday, killing seven passengers and injuring 21 others, the news agency said.

It said the ferry was carrying 250 passengers when rebels of the Shanti Bahini (peace force) ambushed it.

The attack occurred on the last day of a month-old ceasefire offered to the rebels by President Hussain Muhammad Ershad's government to end their insurgency for a separate state.

The rebels also attacked and killed six fishermen on Bangamati lake on Friday, UNB said.

The government said 30 militants surrendered yesterday, the final day of the amnesty offer.

The militants have waged a 15-year-old insurgency for greater autonomy for the Chittagong Hill Tracts, a region stretching across southern Bangladesh from the Burmese to the Indian border.

The insurgency has claimed more than 4,000 lives and sent 30,000 people fleeing across the border to India since it began in 1974.

# Kuwait's US envoy ...

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trying. He also lashed out at what he described as "delusions" in Israel and among some in the US that the Palestinian uprising can be suppressed by force and repression.

The intifada is no longer merely the throwing of stones by 10-year-olds. "It has become a way of life among Palestinians under occupation who have overcome something called fear."

The intifada is a state of mind and is a case of civil disobedience that can last for many years to come," he asserted.

On Lebanon, the Kuwaiti ambassador said "Kuwait will never sanction or condone the partitioning of Lebanon to satisfy regional and global interests."

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# Walesa accuses government of incompetence for allowing price hikes

GDANSK, Poland, Oct. 1, (UPI) An angry Solidarity leader Lech Walesa accused the Solidarity-led government of "incompetence" for allowing sharp price hikes recently for gasoline and milk.

Walesa, in his first criticism of the administration of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, said "somebody made a monkey of himself" by allowing the price hikes.

"This only proves the incompetence of those who raise the prices, but it burdens the government's account and mine," he said at his weekly news

conference. "I can already hear people swearing at me. The situation is getting hot and it may turn out that we will not be able to contain the people (in their anger)."

Gasoline prices rose by 50 per cent earlier this month and prices of milk took a similar substantial rise.

Labour Minister Jacek Kuron, one of most prominent Solidarity activists and a close associate of Walesa, described the gasoline price hikes as an independent decision of the Polish national gas company. But a company official later said it was

taken in consultation with the government.



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## Thought for today

THERE is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come — Victor Hugo, French writer (1802-1885).

## Dalai Lama holds on to non-violence

### Call for guns growing

FOR 30 years the Dalai Lama has preached non-violence as the only realistic way for his people to campaign to free their homeland from China's military might.

The Tibetan spiritual leader says the cause gets support around the world precisely because its Buddhist creed of non-violence sets it apart from other freedom movements.

Not all agree. Peaceful protest has failed, counter young Tibetan exiles, and the time has come to take up the gun against what they call their Chinese oppressors.

"International moral pressure is not going to make China pull out," radical Tibetan youth leader Lhasang Tsering said.

"Whatever we say and do the Chinese will carry on with their policy," he says. "Even if fighting is the last thing we do we must take it because that is the honorable course."

Tibet has been under Chinese martial rule since March when the last of a series of major pro-independence demonstrations in the capital, Lhasa, was put down by troops and police.

China said 16 people died in the riots. Tibetans say several hundred were killed at the time or executed later in a forerunner to the bloody suppression of the pro-democracy student movement in Peking in June.

The Dalai Lama, an exile in India since he fled as Chinese troops completed their annexation of his Himalayan nation in 1959, appears to have headed off a wider call for armed struggle for the time being.

In a forthright speech inaugurating a meeting of the radical Tibetan Youth Congress this month he said: "I am for non-violence, not because it is my religious belief but also because I feel violence is suicidal."

Speaking later at his home in the Himalayan foothills of north India, he said it was easy for Tibetans to talk of copying the Palestinian uprising in Israeli occupied territories or the Afghan mujahideen. Carrying it out was very different.

"Even if we want to fight, it is very easy to talk but if we implement it we first have to think where we will receive the supplies," he said. "Just with a few guns, a few bullets or a few bombs it does not make any sense."

It is a measure of the Dalai Lama's hold over his people that his warning was enough to make the 12,000-strong Youth Congress think again about a strident call for guerrilla war.

"Because of our deep reverence for his holiness and the argument that he has presented, while we have not changed our minds, we are not going to step it up at the moment," Congress President Tsering said.

The Tibetan struggle has not always been peaceful, and Tsering said he believed more than half the 100,000 Tibetan exiles in India agreed with his views.

"We cannot afford to wait," he said. "The only situation where these (Chinese) immigrants are going to leave is when they find it is unprofitable or unsafe to stay."

As a young man of 19, Tsering took part in the last gasp of a guerrilla war that began in the 1950s and continued sporadically even after US President Richard Nixon cut off Central Intelligence Agency funding before his landmark visit to China in 1972.

Tens of thousands died as Tibetan resistance fighters and ordinary people rose up against Peking's imposition of its power on the strategically important land of snows between China and India.

Armed struggle stuttered on for two more years after funding was cut, with Tsering and his comrades conducting limited operations from Nepal's Mustang region.

A crackdown by Nepal and an appeal from the Dalai Lama to stop fighting brought it to an end in 1974.

The Dalai Lama, regarded as both a god and king by his followers, says he understands the frustrations of young Tibetans who see no results from his patient pursuit of a negotiated settlement.

"They say that violence is the only answer," he said. "I told them I fully agree the situation is very desperate, very serious, but in these circumstances if we follow the violent nature of struggle additional crises will come."

There are only six million Tibetans and they could never be a match for the Chinese militarily, he said.

Last year the Dalai Lama angered many Tibetans by offering to give up the goal of full Tibetan independence in return for limited autonomy under which China would retain control of defence and foreign policy.

But tentative contacts between the two sides through the Chinese embassy in New Delhi stopped with the crushing of pro-democracy protesters in Peking.

The Dalai Lama said the Chinese had indicated through informal channels they still wanted to talk, but that he was in no hurry to deal with the present leadership.

"At the moment we have no intention of initiating any approach. If on their side some serious attitude shows we will see," he said.

"We have to wait," he said. "If good things happen so much the better, but if they do not happen then the struggle is a national struggle not just my generation's struggle." (Dharmasala, India — Reuters).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1492 — England's King Henry VII invades France, concerned over the power of Charles VIII following union with Brittany.

1518 — Cardinal Wolsey devises peace of London between England, France, Emperor Maximilian I, Spain and the papacy.

1804 — England's populace is mobilized to resist invasion attempt by Napoleon Bonaparte.

1823 — Spain's King Ferdinand VII, restored by French who have crushed Spanish rebellion, issues decree for execution of his enemies.

1870 — Rome is made capital of Italy.

1889 — First pan American conference is held in Washington, DC.

1924 — League of Nations adopts Geneva protocol for peaceful settlement of international disputes.

1932 — Lytton report on Manchuria to League of Nations recognizes Japan's special interests and recommends autonomous state under Chinese sovereignty but Japanese control.

1934 — Royal Indian Navy is formed.

1940 — HMS Empress of Britain, carrying child war refugees to Canada, is sunk during World War II.

1941 — German Army launches all-out drive against Moscow in World War II.

1952 — Chinese government holds "Asia and Pacific Area" peace conference in Peking.

1974 — China, in United Nations, bans Arab use of oil as weapon, with minister saying it will help Third World struggle against imperialism.

1977 — Israel rejects joint US-Soviet declaration on aims of proposed Middle East peace conference.

1984 — Indian authorities tighten security to thwart attempts by Sikh separatists to invade Golden Temple in Sikh Holy City of Amritsar.

1988 — Pakistan's supreme court orders that planned elections in November be open to all political parties.

## Democracy doesn't mean much to Sudanese

THREE months after the military seized power in a bloodless coup, Sudanese are showing little sorrow over the demise of democracy in Africa's largest country.

"God has shown mercy on Sudan by allowing us to take over," Airforce Colonel Faisal Madani Mukhtar, a member of the ruling Junta, told a recent rally.

The military took over at a time when rebels in the South were scoring victories against government forces and the civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi had failed to control runaway inflation.

Some diplomats believe Sudan was heading towards anarchy.

The new rulers promised to tackle the economy and have taken steps to end the war by inviting the leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), John Garang, to talks in Khartoum. Garang has so far spurned the offer.

Also to appease the non-Muslim South, coup leader General Omar Hassan Al Bashir has promised to put the question of Islamic Sharia laws — at the heart of the six-year-old civil war — to a referendum if negotiations fail to resolve it.

The general, ending a long political taboo,

told Reuters in an interview he was even prepared to seriously consider allowing the South to secede if all southerners so wished.

But the rebels rejected any suggestion that secession could end the conflict.

"Secession is a formula which would not take Sudan any closer to peace. The issue of secession falls out of the programme of the SPLA and as such we categorically reject it," an SPLA spokesman in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa said on Friday.

The war has sapped Sudan's limited resources, costing the cash-strapped treasury about \$400,000 a day.

But little more than promises have emerged so far since the June 30 coup which toppled Mahdi.

Sudan now lives with severely-curbed freedoms, a muzzled press and a media blitz portraying the military takeover as the best thing that has happened to the country since independence in 1956.

Bashir also imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution and dissolved parliament, political parties and trade unions. The government wants to introduce a new trade union movement with reduced powers.

At least 50 politicians are in jail, including

Mahdi and his wife.

Many Sudanese, however, are showing little nostalgia for the three years of Western-style democracy under Mahdi.

"Bashir may have practically brought Sudan back from the brink of anarchy," said one Western diplomat. "People could see that Mahdi's democracy did not deliver..."

"I have witnessed many military juntas in my days and I tell you these guys are angels by comparison," a Khartoum-based Arab ambassador told Reuters.

"No hangings, no firing squads and no torture and the politicians are growing fat in jail."

The military has refrained from introducing radical economic reforms for fear of fostering unrest.

But despite their disenchantment with Mahdi's inability to act on Sudan's two major problems — the economy and the civil war — Western donors are still distancing themselves from Bashir's rule.

"We are certainly going to deal with them, but we are not going to help them until they change some of their ideas as far as peace and the economy are concerned," said a Western diplomat from a major donor country. (Khartoum — Reuters).

## Authoritarian grip eases

### Nationalists bring prosperity to Taiwan

WHEN Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek retreated across the narrow Taiwan Straits to this island in 1949, the future of his Nationalist Chinese government was understandably bleak.

The corrupt nationalists had been routed by revolutionary Communist leader Mao Tse-Tung on the Chinese mainland and faced a restive Taiwanese population that viewed Chiang and his up to 2 million followers as an occupying force.

Chiang and his successors desperately clung to the fantasy of continuing to be the legitimate rulers of China, and used it to justify their uncompromising, one party rule over Taiwan.

But they also adopted effective economic policies that helped transform Taiwan into the world's 13th-largest trading nation and one of Asia's newly industrialized countries.

Now, 40 years after the Nationalists arrived, Taiwan is working to maintain its prosperity while tackling some of the problems created by phenomenal economic growth, such as pollution.

The Nationalists are also easing their authoritarian grip on society, slowly bringing democracy to the island of 20 million people and permitting contacts with the rival communist Chinese for the first time since the civil war.

"Many people used to be disappointed with the government and tried to emigrate whenever they had the chance," said Lu Ya-Li, political science professor of National Taiwan University. "They now feel there is some hope and have to care and criticize."

Nationalist-ruled Taiwan is nothing if not an economic success story.

An agrarian economy based on rice and sugar production has given way to the manufacturing of textiles, electronic products and machinery.

The formula was capitalism mixed with government policies designed to stimulate selected industries. While the Nationalists controlled major monopolies, many of the light-industry factories were family-run operations that helped spread the wealth around the island.

Annual per capita income rose from \$50 in 1949 to \$5,512 last year. Gross national product soared from 1.2 billion 40 years ago to \$119 billion in 1988.

Exports led the way, with foreign trade jumping from \$300 million in 1952 to \$110 billion last year. So much foreign exchange has poured in that the island's coffers bulge with \$74 billion in reserves.

Signs of prosperity are easily visible in Taipei. Gleaming Porsches and BMWs snake through the always-congested streets, fancy restaurants grace almost every block, and the latest electronic gadgets fill store display windows.

Indeed, the island's capital seems to lack nothing. Except embassies.

As the island chalked up economic successes, it faced bitter diplomatic defeats as the world recognized the rival communist Chinese government in



Ex-president Chiang Ching-kuo (left), and President Lee Teng-hui. (Reuters wirephoto)

Beijing.

Only 24 countries, mostly tiny island and Latin American nations, recognize Taiwan diplomatically, down from 50 in 1949. Beijing has formal ties with 135 countries.

The toughest blow came in 1978, when Taiwan's major ally, the United States, announced it was cutting diplomatic links with the island and setting up formal relations with Beijing.

Washington, which has a major supply of arms to Taiwan, dismantled its bases on the island and said military aid would not increase in quantity or quality.

The US market did not close, however, ensuring Taiwan's economic health.

Chiang Peng-Chien, a leading opposition politician, blamed Taiwan's diplomatic isolation on the "dream of a reunified China" ruled by a Nationalist government.

That dream also was what the Nationalist leaders from mainland China long used to justify their monopoly on political power and harsh measures against dissenting voices.

The Nationalists placed Taiwan under martial law and refused to allow rival political parties or an opposition press. Critics who travelled overseas often were not allowed back; many of those who

stayed were thrown in jail.

By claiming to be the rightful rulers of all China, the Nationalists insisted that native Taiwanese, who comprise about 80 percent of the population, could not replace members of the legislature and electoral college who had been elected on mainland China before the civil war defeat.

But as the Taiwanese prospered economically, they demanded more political rights. It was Chiang Kai-Shek's son, the late president Chiang Ching-Kuo, who finally realized that political liberalization was needed if the Nationalists were to maintain popular support.

In 1987, Chiang Ching-Kuo lifted martial law, which paved the way for the formation of opposition political parties. Some media restrictions were eased, leading to a more critical press. Taiwan residents were allowed to visit relatives on the Chinese mainland, bringing a more relaxed attitude towards the rival communists.

Demonstrations became an almost-daily occurrence, with the Taiwanese taking to the streets to protest everything from prostitution to pollution.

By the following year, it became apparent that the gradual liberalizing trend would not be reversed easily. (Taipei, Taiwan — AP)

### French investigating terrorist link

## Ivory Coast Lebanese upset by probe

THE explosion that destroyed a French DC-10 over the Sahara desert has sent shockwaves through Ivory Coast's Lebanese community, the biggest in West Africa.

French counter-espionage officers working on last month's crash which killed 170 people say they are investigating whether Lebanese Shi'ite terrorists of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah have re-based in West Africa, possibly Ivory Coast, because of tightened security in Europe.

French Prime Minister Michel Rocard said on Friday that France has enemies in Lebanon who may have blown up the airliner.

Rocard confirmed that tests on debris had uncovered traces of one of the two major constituents of plastic explosives such as the Czechoslovak-made Semtex which was used to blow up a Pan Am airliner over Scotland last December.

Terrorism is a touchy subject in this cocoa-growing country of 11 million people whose ageing leader, President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, says his nation has no enemies.

Houphouet-Boigny warned the Lebanese community years-ago to leave its quarrels at home. Any hint they are spilling over into Ivory Coast is cause for alarm among local Lebanese, now the nation's dominant non-black African group.

"If a Lebanese does well people say that a particular person did well," said Monsignor Paul Khawand, the Abidjan-based bishop and spiritual leader of West Africa's Lebanese Maronite Catholics.

"But if one Lebanese does something bad, then people say all Lebanese are bad."

Officially there are about 30,000 Lebanese in Ivory Coast, some of whom have lived here for decades. But diplomatic and other sources put the number as high as 150,000 to 200,000, most arriving since 1974 to escape Lebanon's civil war.

Western diplomats in Abidjan say they have no proof terrorists are operating here. "We have no indication of a terrorist network in Africa," one said.

But several incidents in the past two years have raised questions about what may be going on behind the scenes.

In August last year Ivorian security uncovered a large cache of explosives and weapons, including Czech-made automatic weapons, dynamite and grenades, in a villa in Abidjan rented by a Lebanese man, government and Lebanese sources said.

The cache apparently was shipped to Ivory Coast from Lebanon, but the reason for doing so remains unclear and the incident is still under investigation

by Ivorian and French security, Lebanese and diplomatic sources said.

In June this year Colonel Pierre Chirol, Houphouet-Boigny's French military advisor on Arab affairs, was shot dead in a residential part of Abidjan. Police said he was the victim of car thieves, but security sources said they are investigating whether his job may have been a factor.

In April 1988 Ivorian security learned that Mustafa Mazeh, a Lebanese Shi'ite from Guinea with suspected terrorist links, was in Ivory Coast, a government source said. He was not found here, but Mazeh blew himself up while manipulating a bomb at a London hotel on Aug 3 this year.

One Lebanese source said several people sought by Lebanese authorities in connection with fighting in that country are living in Ivory Coast.

"But this country serving as a base for terrorism — No," the sources said.

Lebanese merchants say they hear of civil war fighters coming to Ivory Coast for holidays, but rarely know about it firsthand.

"We know that fighters from Hezbollah come here but we never see them," said grocer Hassan Garib. "There are things that are hidden, even from us." (Abidjan — Reuters)

## Art Buchwald

## Catch up with news

FOR those of you who are just trickling back from vacation and are wondering what you miss, here are some of the things that have been happening:

Poland no longer has a Communist government. The Solidarity people considered this a major victory until they took a look in the back office and found exactly what they had inherited from the Communists. Lech Walesa asked the party to take the government back — but the Communies refused to do it, saying that they might be Red but they weren't stupid.

While Solidarity was trying to figure out how to govern the Poles, the East Germans were leaving East Germany in drives by going to Hungary as tourists. East Germany is so mad at Hungary that it is thinking of retaliating by building a wall to keep Western tourists from seeing the sights of East Berlin.

Things are not going well for Gorbachev. Almost all of the 15 republics are demanding freedom from Moscow — and have declared that although they love the motherland, they don't want to speak Russian any more.

Gorbachev is furious because when he proposed perestroika he didn't think that every ethnic group in the USSR would want to have its own national anthem. He has threatened the citizens that he will cut their perestroika ration in half unless they quit their constant yammering about seceding from the country. Meanwhile, he has ordered a crash programme to manufacture six-packs of tear gas just in case glasnost gets out of hand.

On the home front, President George Bush caught a fish in Maine. It took him 15 days, but everyone on his staff said that it was the best fish they had ever eaten and well worth waiting for.

Vice-President Dan Quayle has not been seen lately. Rumour has it that the Secret Service is moving him around from golf course to golf course so that no one can find him. One day they hid him out on the ninth hole of some course, and the next day on the 16th of another. It's working out fine, and Quayle's golf has never been better.

Pete Rose has been banned for life because he is said to have gambled on baseball — possibly on his own team. It is alleged that the hand signals he was making from the dugout (which everyone thought were being sent to the players on the field) were really aimed at the bookies in the stands. What finally did him in was when he ran out onto the diamond and got into a fight with the umpire. He kept yelling, "I'll bet you 20 to 1 he was safe on first, and 5 to 1 he steals second on the next pitch." Although Rose has been banned for life, he is taking even money wagers that he will be reinstated next season.

The most important fight since Lindbergh took place this year when Malcolm Forbes celebrated his 70th birthday by flying 800 of his closest friends to a party in Morocco, a non-air-conditioned country. It was so hot that all of Elizabeth Taylor's diamonds melted and had to be scraped off the rugs in her tent. Everyone enjoyed it, particularly those who weren't invited and who expressed shock over the extravagance. On the other hand, those who went couldn't praise the trip enough, although many invited are still at Kennedy Airport looking for their luggage.

Leonid Helmsky was found guilty for saying that the little people didn't count for anything in this country. The judge now has to decide if the queen will guard the palace, or if the palace will guard the queen. There is some talk of Leonid doing community service by putting a chocolate bonbon on the pillow of every homeless person in New York City.

No new word on Michael Milken, Ivan Boesky, Salman Rushdie, Felix Bloch, Elvis Presley or the Exxon people who vowed to clean up the beaches of Alaska. This really hurts, as they all promised to get back to me. Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

## Quote me

"It is good that US Secretary of State James Baker has put Israel on notice that either it respond reasonably to current peace proposals or Washington would review its Middle East policy. The Dubai-based Khaleej Times calling for US pressure on Israel to achieve peace in the Middle East."

"The sole objective (of the current elections plan) is not peace or withdrawal, but a mere attempt by Israel to quell the Palestinian uprising and to return the occupied territories to the status quo as they existed prior to the eruption of intifada." Sheikh Saud, Kuwaiti ambassador to Washington giving his assessment of the elections in the occupied territories.

"By any stretch of imagination, the historic concessions made by the Palestinians in Algiers and Geneva last year should have convinced the world of the seriousness of the Palestinians in wanting peace." Kuwaiti ambassador to US, Sheikh Saud urging Israel to make peace with Palestinians.

"Could not all Christians come to reconsider the kind of primacy the bishop of Rome exercised within the early church, a presiding in love for the sake of the unity of the churches in the diversity of their mission?" Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie keeping up his campaign of reunifying Anglicans and Catholics.

"Forty years ago, the people used their blood and sweat to save China from destruction and made China an independent and sovereign nation. Forty years later, the power of the republic is still in the hands of a small group and feudalist control still exists." Hong Kong lawmaker Szeto Wah told a crowd, who braved stormy weather to protest the Chinese crackdown.

"If President Aquino insists on her ban from president Marcos being brought here, the anger of the people might turn into pity for the (former) first lady and rally behind her." Felix Nalapat, mayor of the Marcos ancestral hometown, Batas.

"Imelda is an ambitious person. She is now the underdog and the Filipino love for the underdog could play a factor. Whether you like it or not, Imelda has money in Kuwait. Raul Gonzalez, former government ombudsman airing his views on the barring of the return of Marcos, remains."

"More and more we discover that much of this country's foreign policies are dictated by the US Congress rather than the administration in office. The sooner this conflict is resolved the better for America's foreign relations." Sheikh Saud, Kuwait's ambassador to America lashing out at the US Congress.

### Arab Times praised

SIR: I have recently come across Arab Times in Saudi Arabia.

Your paper is of excellent quality; its commentary and scope I would rate on the par with the International Tribune. By comparison of all newspapers in the Mideast — for Africa for that matter and some dailies in Europe and US your Arab Times to me would be measured as one of a high calibre.

Charles W Horvath,  
Saudi Arabia.

### Singh's story

SIR: Last month the Arab Times published an uncorroborated article linking V.P. Singh's son Ajaya Singh to St Kitts accounts.

If the story is true, I appreciate its publication. But if Arab Times is not sure about the veracity of the story, it should stop giving such publicity.

Arab Times generally does not give anti-Indian publicity, but it can be sued for defamation for Singh's story.

Y.G. Sesha Reddy,  
Kuwait.

### Condemn amendment

SIR: Through your column I like to request all Pakistanis to condemn the 8th Amendment in the constitution of Pakistan. They should deliberately criticise this amendment. All the political parties should support Prime Minister Benazir's government to revoke the controversial amendment. If we want that democracy should flourish and run successfully in our country, all political parties should co-operate with the present government.

Zubair Dar,  
Kuwait.

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## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Rabin linked

LONDON, Oct. 1. (Kuna): The Israeli security firm Hod Hazani, whose president is accused by the Colombian government of training drug barons' gangs, was given authority to operate in a document personally signed by Israeli defence secretary Yitzhak Rabin, it was revealed here today.

### Polisario rebels claim

ALGIERS, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Polisario guerrillas battling Morocco for independence of western Sahara said they captured a Moroccan military post in the first fighting they have reported in more than eight months.

### Libya honours

NICOSIA, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Libya has honoured the late French President Charles de Gaulle for campaigning to free his country from "American imperialist domination", the official Libyan news agency Jana reported today.

De Gaulle was the only European among 11 mostly dead politicians awarded the medal of the great Al Fatah (September 1) revolution at a reception in Sirte, west of Tripoli, last night.

### Hussain to visit

AMMAN, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Jordan's King Hussein will begin a three-nation foreign tour on October 8, diplomats said today.

They said the king would make a stopover in Italy on his way to Canada and would also visit Britain on his way home to Amman to deliver a lecture on the Middle East at Oxford University.

They gave no further details of the 10-day trip and Jordanian officials were not immediately available for comment.

### Press offices

KUWAIT, Oct. 1. (Kuna): Israel and China have agreed to open press offices in Beijing and Tel Aviv, radio Israel reported today.

The radio monitored here said that the agreement was reached at a meeting of the foreign ministers of both countries, Moshe Arens and Qian Qichen at the United Nations in New York recently.

### Ceasefire extended

KHARTOUM, Sudan, Oct. 1. (AP): Sudan's military leader, Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, extended a unilateral ceasefire in the 6-year-old civil war for another month.

Al Bashir made the announcement during a session of a committee he created to discuss possible ways to end the fighting between the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army.

### 42 Iranians killed

BAHDAH, Oct. 1. (AP): Kurdish rebels have killed 42 Iranian Revolutionary Guards in attacks on military bases in the northern region of Urmieh and Naghadeh in the last week, a spokesman for the Iraq-based rebels said today.

Ghafour Hamza told the Associated Press that fighters of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran said the heaviest fighting was around Urmieh, which is close to the Turkish border, Sept. 25-27.

### Rebels massacre

NAIROBI, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Ethiopia has accused rebel groups of killing hundreds of civilians in the northern Gondar and Wollo regions.

Addis Ababa radio, monitored in Nairobi today, said the Tigra People's Liberation Front and the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement had forcibly conscripted peasants for "genocide operations" in which hundreds have died in recent weeks.

## Quake damages 300 houses

NICOSIA, Oct. 1. (AP): An earthquake in southwestern Iran early today caused "massive damage" and killed at least 300 people, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from relief teams that were rushed to the region to help the quake stricken, the agency added.

IRNA said the quake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, shook the city of Sirakht, on the slopes of Dena mountain, northwest of Yasuj, the capital of the Bouyer Ahmad-Kohgiluyeh province.

IRNA quoted the Tehran University Geophysics Centre as saying the quake caused "massive damage" and killed at least 300 people and wounded at four points on the mountain.

At least 300 houses were damaged and rural roads were blocked in part of the area by the tremor that was recorded at 3.30 am (0300 GMT), the agency said.

The Richter scale measures the energy released by an earthquake by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph.

## Sacreligious cell smashed

CAIRO, Oct. 1. (UPI): Security forces smashed a sacreligious organisation led by a university professor who claims he is a prophet, the newspaper Al Akhbar reported today.

Members of the 20-man organisation are charged with spreading their "sacreligious" ideas, Al Akhbar said.

The newspaper said security forces smashed the organisation's "cell number one" at the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, 138 (220 km) northwest of Cairo, "cell number one" is a part of the group with nine members.

The unnamed leader of the group is a university professor "claiming to be a prophet himself," the newspaper said.



A 50-year-old woman cleans her destroyed West Beirut house from rubble and twisted metal. She returned to the battered capital after Arab League efforts succeeded in halting six months of bloodshed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Shelling can begin at any time

## Beirutis sceptical of peace

BEIRUT, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Andre Hukaz lives anxiously in a bullet-scarred house on the edge of Beirut's green line battle zone while 62 Lebanese parliamentarians meet in Taif, Saudi Arabia, to discuss peace.

She frets, bites her nails and only falls asleep at night after a whisky to steady her nerves. Her parents sleep when they can, sometimes sitting up all night and dozing during the day.

Their tortured lives close to Beirut's oldest frontline are in contrast with much of the Lebanese capital, which has enjoyed peace since a ceasefire was called eight days ago.

The militiamen and troops who roam a warren of barricaded streets beyond the Hukaz family's garden will only stop firing on Wednesday and Andre said she had lost any faith in peace.

"I hope the deputies achieve something in Taif but I don't think that they will," the 32-year-old computer programmer said. "How can they agree to stop this? They will always fight here."

The Hukaz family is stranded beside a desert of abandoned apartment blocks and offices, cinemas and shops reduced to a crumbling wasteland by 14 years of shells, rockets and bullets.

Addressing the parliamentarians on Saturday in Taif, caretaker speaker Hussein Al Hussein said the failure of the peace talks would open "the road to hell for our people."

A vision of hell came to Beirut with six months of the worst shelling of the war. More than 800 people, mostly civilians were killed and 3,400 wounded in the battles which began in March.

"Shelling can begin at any time, all the time. Day or night. It could even start now," said Andre, laughing nervously at the thought. She clasped her hands together but they still shook.

"But we have lived here for 15 years and we will stay here forever," she added.

The two-storey Hukaz home is about 300 metres from the Lebanese Parliament building which fell to rival gunmen at the start of the civil war in 1975.

Parliament might as well be on the moon for those who hang on in the war-blighted Sodeco district in Christian East Beirut because it lies on the other side of the green line.

Nearby Rue Dabbas is blocked by a pile of four old shipping containers cutting off the field of fire for snipers in the ruined buildings and undergrowth choking the green line.

"In all the war, the last six months were the hardest," said Michelle Sisto, who lives in an apartment overlooking the shell-holed barricade.

"Even when they were not close, the noise was terrible. The

## US sends relief

### Help for Lebanon on way

NICOSIA, Oct. 1. (AP): A Boeing 707 cargo jet carrying \$1 million worth of US emergency medical supplies for war-ravaged Lebanon was being unloaded in Cyprus today.

The southern air transport jetliner flew in at 8.10 am (0610 GMT). A team of relief workers of the non-profit humanitarian organisation, Ameriquest, immediately began unloading the supplies at Larnaca airport, on the southeastern coast of the island, airport officials said.

"We've committed ourselves to providing \$10 million in medical supplies to Lebanon this year," Lisa Champagne, an Ameriquest spokeswoman in the United States, said.

The latest shipment comprises antibiotics, heart medicine, cough medicines for children, burn creams, surgical supplies, bandages, blankets, stretchers, tents and plastic sheeting.

Champagne told the Associated Press in a telephone call to Ameriquest's office in New Canaan, Connecticut, that the chartered jet would offload its 90,000-pound (41,000-kilogramme) cargo at Larnaca airport.

A portion of the emergency medical supplies will later be loaded onto a plane of Lebanon's flag carrier Middle East Airlines, marking the first time the group has flown supplies into Beirut, said Eric Weintz, an Ameriquest official, supervising the operation at Larnaca airport.

Beirut international airport was closed during six months of intense artillery battles between Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's fighters against the Syrian army and its Muslim militia allies.

The rest of the shipment will be loaded onto freighters for transport to the port of Jounieh in the Christian enclave, Weintz said.

Eight Ameriquest emergency medical shipments worth a total of \$6 million already have reached both sides this year aboard cargo ships running the gauntlet of Syrian shelling and warships to reach Lebanon.

gunners on that side firing over the house into East Beirut and gunners on this side firing over the house into the West," she said.

Like Andre, Michelle, a 34-year-old administrator, stayed behind with her parents who are too old and stubborn to leave. When they bought the building before the war, Sodeco was a fashionable part of Beirut.

## Algeria adopts new reforms

ALGIERS, Oct. 1. (Reuters): The Algerian National Assembly yesterday overwhelmingly adopted the programme of a new government named to speed up political and economic liberalisation.

The APS agency reported deputies backed the programme of incoming Prime Minister Moudoud Hamrouche by 281 votes to three with two abstentions.

Hamrouche has pledged to create a market-based economy within a fully democratic multi-party state.

He was named on September 9 after President Chadli Benjedid fired previous prime minister Kasdi Merbah for failing to make progress on reforms promised after bloody anti-sectarian riots convulsed the country in Oct 1988.

## Pilot flies with MiG

### Ethiopian seeks asylum

KHARTOUM, Oct. 1. (Reuters): An Ethiopian air force pilot flew a MiG 21 fighter-bomber to Khartoum and requested political asylum, Sudanese security official said today.

The officials told Reuters he landed at Khartoum airport on Friday. They gave no details about the pilot except to say he was not from the rebellious northern regions of Eritrea and Tigray.

The Ethiopian Ambassador to Khartoum Feleke Tabor confirmed that an Ethiopian air force plane had flown to Khartoum on Friday but said he understood the pilot had landed for technical reasons.

The Ethiopian ambassador told Reuters he had protested to the Sudanese authorities about the manner in which the case has been handled so far.

He said the embassy had not been officially informed that the plane had landed in Khartoum. The embassy first knew when it was spotted on the tarmac at Khartoum airport, he said.

Sudanese security sources said the pilot's application for political asylum as being considered.

Ambassador Tabor said to maintain the good relations existing between Sudan and Ethiopia, his staff should have been allowed to attend the pilot's interrogation.

He has demanded the return to Ethiopia of both the plane and the pilot, he said.

## Cyprus' buffer zone is dying under police crackdown on smugglers

NICOSIA, Oct. 1. (Reuters): The village of Pyla, once a smugglers' haven straddling the sectarian divide on the Mediterranean holiday of Cyprus, is dying under a police crackdown.

The police say the whisky sold in Pyla is a poor imitation of the real thing and the designer clothes are fake — tourists, they add, must be protected.

The village, nestled in UN ceasefire lines between the Greek-Cypriot South and the breakaway Turkish-Cypriot North is one of the few settlements on the divided island where the communities live

and work together. Turkish-Cypriot villagers would bring their "designer" sports wear and "whisky" from the north to sell in thriving shops to both Greek Cypriots and tourists from the south.

Because the south does not recognise the self-declared Turkish-Cypriot state it bans the goods because they are not taxed.

Despite the problems, Pyla flourished. Restaurants and clothes shops sprang up to serve bargain-hunters at the buffer zone village but now they are slowly but surely being forced out of business.

Pyla's success was its undoing — the Cyprus government decided enough was enough — the village's more shady activities had become an embarrassment.

Cyprus Interior Minister Christodoulos Veniamin said tests showed 70 per cent of the whisky sold in Pyla was fake.

"We were not as strict as should have been... it's a bit of a scandal if it's left like that," he said.

Police roadblocks in the south have discouraged Greek Cypriot visitors and tourists from entering the village under the watchful eye of the United Nations

## Ozal is keeping Turkey guessing

### Tax raids denounced

ANKARA, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, a master of surprise, is keeping Turkey guessing on whether he will seek the less powerful job of President after six years as the country's dominant politician.

Most people expect him to become President in an election by legislators this month — but Ozal, facing stiff political opposition and unpopularity with the public over the economy, is keeping his plans to himself.

"My chances of running are 50-50," Ozal, who must declare his candidacy by Oct 19, told his conservative Motherland Party last week.

Opposition parties have threatened to boycott the vote if Ozal stands and refuse to recognise him if he wins, saying an Ozal victory would be unpopular with the public.

Opinion polls show support for Ozal at just 15 per cent and the Motherland Party was only 22 per cent of the votes in municipal elections in March.

But the party, with 289 of Parliament's 450 seats, is busy discussing who would be the new prime minister if Ozal does leave the roughhouse of daily politics to succeed current President Kenan Evren.

### Successor

There is no obvious successor to Ozal, but possibilities include Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz, 42, who played a role in forming Ozal's latest cabinet, Deputy Prime Minister Ali Baser, 64, and Finance Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli, 51.

Baser, a former judge at Strasbourg's human rights court, and parliamentary Speaker Yildirim Akbulut, 54, are seen as possible presidential candidates if Ozal does not run.

Only Kasim Gulak, an 85-year-old former politician, has declared his candidacy so far.

"I believe Ozal will run," one of Ozal's aides said. "The more opposition parties shout and threaten the more he is likely to be determined to show them he is the boss."

Erdal Inonu, leader of the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP), told Reuters: "If Ozal is President it will be an impossible situation... the state can't bear it."

"The presidential election could create a new crisis situation in the country," he said.

Suleyman Demirel, leader of the centre-right True Path Party (TPP) which has 57 seats in Parliament, said his party would boycott the secret vote to choose a President for a seven-year term if Ozal stands.

### Architect

Referring to the 1983 military-controlled general election which first swept Ozal to power, he told Reuters: "It is not democracy. It (the Motherland Party) is just some sort of a regime."

Ozal, 61-year-old architect of economic liberalisation and drive for integration with Western Europe, is known to be under family pressure give up the stresses of the premiership.

"He has to weigh up the pros and cons of running (as President). On the one hand he wants to... and on the other he does not want disarray in his party," a senior Western diplomat said.

Some Motherland deputies say privately that the party, ranging from Muslim fundamentalist to Western-style liberal politicians, might break up if Ozal, sometimes described as the buckle in the Motherland belt, leaves active politics.

Ozal, whose popularity has fallen as inflation has risen above 70 per cent, had heart surgery in 1987 and last year was hit by a bullet in an assassination attempt. If he does not become Turkey's first civilian President since 1960 many people expect him to quit the premiership next year anyway. The government's five-year term expires in November 1992.

### Jordan supports

AMMAN, Oct. 1. (Reuters): Jordan is providing millions of dollars a year for the foundation which runs Islamic holy sites in occupied Jerusalem and the Israeli-held West Bank, the state-run news agency Petra said yesterday.

# Israeli troops kill four Palestinians

## Tax raids denounced

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 01. (Agencies): Israeli troops shot dead four Palestinians and wounded 22 in clashes with stone-throwers in the occupied territories today. Palestinian and Israeli sources said.

A fifth Palestinian was beaten to death by fellow Arabs for alleged collaboration with Israel.

In Gaza, Muslim fundamentalists issued a new leaflet calling on Palestinians to escalate their 21-month uprising and to "continue to kill collaborators."

The 700,000 Arab residents of the seaside Gaza Strip remained under army-imposed closure for a third consecutive day as Israelis celebrated Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year.

The holiday marking the Jewish new year 5750 ended at sundown today, but the closure barring Gazans from entering Israel will remain in effect till tomorrow morning.

# Arafat in Tokyo

## Recognition may be sought

TOKYO, Oct. 1. (Agencies): Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, arrived in Tokyo today on a four-day official visit and was expected to call on Japanese to join 100 other countries in recognising an independent Palestinian state.

Arafat, heading a 30-member PLO delegation, is making his first visit to Japan since 1981 when he paid an unofficial call.

On his arrival at Tokyo's city airport, Arafat read a statement expressing his "strong desire for a greater Japanese contribution" in finding a peaceful solution to Middle East problems.

The PLO leader will hold separate talks on Tuesday with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama to exchange views on the historical conflicts between Palestinians and Israelis, a government official said.

The Japanese government does not recognise the PLO's self-declared state of Palestine, but invited Arafat to visit "as a political guest of positive appreciation" for his new moderate line, one official said.

"We're inviting Mr Arafat, not as a representative of a state, but as a representative of an organisation," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe.

Prior to his departure from the PLO headquarters in Tunis, Arafat told the Kyodo News Service that he planned to ask Kaifu to recognise an independent Palestinian state.

Japan announced last week that it would upgrade the PLO office in Tokyo to a "permanent general mission of Palestine," but would go no further.

"There is a very clear understanding between the PLO and Japan — we can't recognise the state of Palestine, so we cannot accord (the mission) any diplomatic status," one official said.

France and Italy accorded the PLO similar status earlier this year.

"It reveals the positive Japanese stance in the future toward tackling the Palestinian issue," Arafat told Kyodo of the upgrading of its Tokyo mission.



Arafat is greeted by Japanese Vice-Foreign Minister Naoki Tanaka upon arrival at Tokyo airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

occupied territories seemed to be among the reason for the low turnout.

But the daily violence continued yesterday in the occupied territories where troops shot dead two Palestinians and wounded 12 others, Arab reports said.

Troops patrolling the West Bank village of Meithalun shot dead Abdallah Rabiya, 28, when they came upon a group of men masked in black and wielding knives who had set up a road-block at the village entrance, military sources said.

## Mann still alive: report

LONDON, Oct. 1. (Kuna): The British Foreign Office refused to confirm a report today that a UK hostage held in Lebanon, Jack Mann, is still alive.

The Sunday Express newspaper said today that "behind-the-scenes" negotiations are understood to be going on for his release, along with American hostage Terry Anderson.

On Sept 7, Mann, the 74-year-old, Battle of Britain pilot during the Second World War, was reported dead according to the information received by his wife from an unidentified Lebanese contact in Beirut.

But the paper quoted this morning "Muslim sources linked to the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group," as claiming that Mann has been moved from Beirut and is now being held in Tehran.

# Kabul rocket attack kills 13

## Call for US-Soviet arms cutoff

KABUL, Oct. 1. (Agencies): Two rockets believed fired by Muslim rebels hit central Kabul today, killing at least 13 people and injuring 24, according to hospital sources.

One rocket fell near the ministry of mines and industry in the sprawling presidential compound, witnesses said, while the other hit a park in downtown Kabul near the headquarters of the Sarandoy, the police force.

The attack came on Police Day, a three-year-old holiday honouring the Sarandoy.

Most of the wounded were standing near a gasoline station, waiting for the daily rationing to begin, said the hospital sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The casualty figures were not immediately confirmed by the government.

Most of the merchants on Chicken Street, the main shopping venue lined with carpet and antique shops, closed their shutters and went home.

Kabul has come under almost daily rocket attack since late June, with more than 350 people killed and 800 injured.

The government accuses the mujahadeen of firing the rockets

at random to spread panic and force residents to flee to rebel-controlled areas.

The United States should explore the possibility of a mutual agreement with the Soviet Union to cut off military supplies to Afghanistan, a leading US senator said in a report published in Washington today.

Claiborne Pell, chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also called for a neutral government in Kabul to hold elections or seek a traditional Afghan consultative assembly.

Pell issued the report after a trip to Pakistan in August and talks with Pakistani leaders and leaders of the US- and Pakistan-backed provisional government established by Muslim rebel parties last February.

"So far the United States has placed too much emphasis on achieving an elusive military victory and too little on finding a political formula that will end the fighting and produce a government in Kabul acceptable to the Afghan people," Pell said.

He said the United States should work with Pakistan towards a political solution to the Afghan conflict.



# Latest crack at making French spelling easier gathers wide support

PARIS, Oct. 1. (AP) — The French are talking again about a spelling reform to simplify the eccentricities of the language of Voltaire, and this time there is a powerful lineup of supporters: well-known writers, intellectuals and political figures including Premier Michel Rocard.

Behind the latest move to purge the language of double letters, irregular plurals and other pitfalls are Jacques Leconte and Philippe Cibois. Their book, "Que Vive l'Orthographe" ("Long Live Spelling"),

takes the latest crack at bringing the spelling of French more in line with other romance languages.

Their proposals would institute a more phonetic spelling of difficult words like "chrysanthemum," now spelled "chrysanthème." The proposed reform could change it to "crisantheme" — just the way it sounds.

Other possible changes:

— The French word for "rhythm" would change from *rythme* to *ritme*

— The word for "personnel" would change from *personnel* to *personal*

— "Pharmacy" would change from *pharmacie* to *farmacie*

— "Horses" would change from *chevaux* to *chevas*

— "Spelling" would go from *orthographe* to *ortograf*, and

— "Onion" from *oignon* to *ognon*.

"One always needs a lot of courage to dare to tackle this taboo: Our sacrosanct spelling," wrote Leconte and Cibois. "Is it a

crime to hope for more coherent, more logical and clearer spelling which would be easier to learn?"

As any foreigner knows, learning to read and write French is no easy matter.

Generations of French school children weaned on the daily "dictée" or dictation exercise, have managed fairly well. But

starting in the early 1970s, many teachers abandoned the old methods and relaxed more about spelling. Today, teachers say the result is catastrophic.

"Just take a look at the exam books of students taking the baccalaureate and you can see there's a big problem," the authors say.

For them, the issue is not how French is taught, but French itself.

Simpler spelling would make life a lot easier for school children. And it would be especially beneficial to immigrants, whose access to the language helps determine their integration into French society.

No wonder the reform has political overtones. Socialist Rocard favours it on the condition France's language experts agree on the changes to be adopted.

Anti-reformists argue the reform would simply "lower French to the level of those who can't spell." As French academic Jean Dautourd put it, "Simplification would benefit the ignorant."

Gerard Antoine, a linguist, wrote in *Le Monde* that a mere 100 changes would "rid our language of its traps and useless fakes."

## An English rose

# A core of steel

DELICATE, fragile-looking Victoria Tennant is bewitched by power. Professionally, she is playing a Nazi camp commandant in a new film. Personally, she revels in her role as an independent career wife.

To back up her feminine assault on what she believes is a male-dominated world, the fair-haired actress has become deeply committed to writing — and has already completed two film scripts. She told me: "There are wonderful parts for women, with supporting roles for men."

And as if all this is not enough, 38-year-old Victoria, married to top American comedy star Steve Martin, is playing a strong lady in the ITV mini-series *Act of Will*, based on Barbara Taylor Bradford's book (starts Friday).

Powerful role Strength suits Victoria's mood. In *Act of Will*, she plays Audra, a powerful role of an unfulfilled actress who lives her ambition through her daughter.

The life stories of Victoria and Audra have uncanny similarities. Both women had privileged

childhoods and knew tragedy at an early age.

For Victoria, it was when her father, famous showbiz agent Cecil Tennant, died.

Heartbroken teenager Victoria stayed in England to attend London's Central School of Speech Drama, while her mother moved to Switzerland.

In the film, Audra is also forced to become independent at an early age, being sent to work in a fever hospital after her mother dies.

And, showing the same determination that Victoria did to succeed in acting, she works her way to the top of the profession, becoming a fully-qualified nurse.

But Victoria believes there is one vital difference between herself and Audra. She told me: "Audra has artistic flair, but she doesn't do anything about it. She gives up so much for everyone else. I was prepared to do that when I was younger but not now."

Due for release

Victoria's latest role is as a Nazi in the film *The Handmaid's Tale*, due for release in America this October. It is not just powerful, but directly concerned with power.

Victoria told me: "In this film, I felt highly honoured to be working with a cast including Robert Duvall and Natasha Richardson."

"And my part is quite different to my usual ones — which I'm pleased about, as I think there needs to be more scope for women in general to play nasty characters, more extreme people. I want to move away from the two-dimensional romantic type."

She went on: "I certainly did with this part. It was a real challenge. It made me realise

what it must feel like to be in a position of power, because I play a woman in charge of an internment camp for women whose pregnancy tests are positive, and who are being kept to breed."

"It made me think that the worst form of atrocity which can be committed by people is to de-humanise their victims."

And then the frail-looking, gutsy actress fixed me with a level stare of her hazel eyes and said: "I suppose it's a bit like being interviewed by the press... that's de-humanising, too."

Despite the obvious irony, it was also a timely little warning to me — for if there is one thing the star of the TV blockbuster *War and Remembrance* loathes it is being asked about her husband, age, or plans for children instead of about her work.

Insulating

She blazed: "I find it insulting and sad that 90 per cent of the men who interview me ask the same questions as a woman in the Victorian age would be asked, and which they would never dare or dream of asking a man."

"I want to talk about my work. I don't want that to be reduced to a trivial or gossip. Women have fought for freedom of choice, and the freedom to go our own way without men and society telling us what's expected of us."

Victoria, who first shot to fame in the £90

million TV series *Winds of War*, went on: "It is as if men are more confident when women are in a passive or weak position so they can control them."

"Strength is regarded as a positive quality in men. But when women are strong, they are immediately described as tough, unfeminine ball-breakers."

There couldn't be a more inaccurate description of lithe, pencil-thin Victoria, who has inherited the grace of her Russian ballet dancer mother, Irina Baranova. And not only her grace. The strength, independence and talent of her mother have inspired Victoria's writing and acting.

She told me: "My mother was a prima ballerina with Diaghilev's Ballets Russes. She was a great artist and a strong woman, and at the age of 13 she was supporting a family."

"My mother showed me that it was not an unusual choice for a woman to go out of the home and into professional life. She taught me hard work and perseverance, and I knew I had her tacit acceptance of everything I did."

One of Victoria's own film scripts is about a

mother-daughter relationship, based on her own experience. The other is about two contemporary women, based on the lives of women she knows. She said: "Some of this is sad, some happy. Just like life."

Films on hand

Victoria, dressed in a baggy black tee-shirt and trousers, leaned back in a leather chair at the television offices where we were speaking, and told me: "Both scripts have producers, other actors apart from myself are cast — and one of them has half the finance arranged. Hopefully, one can be filmed before the end of the year — and one next year."

Victoria claims that her childhood relationship with her mother has also helped her to understand her latest role as Audra.

She recalled: "My mother always wanted me to be a prima ballerina. And I will always remember making my stage debut as a ballet dancer at the age of nine."

"While I was dancing, I heard the sound of sobbing in the stalls. I was horrified to find out that it was my mother. When I asked what was wrong later, all she could say was that I was too thin, much too thin, even for a ballet dancer."

"I think it was upsetting for mother to realise that I would not make it as a ballerina. Even though she never forced me to do things, secretly she would have liked me to become one."

"At that age I couldn't understand why it upset her so much."

"But now I have an idea, especially as I play a woman whose daughter does not take up the career her mother has mapped out for her."

Victoria, who was first tipped

for stardom after her performance in Alan Silitoe's film, *The Ragman's Daughter*, walked out on a stifling marriage to fulfil her dreams of acting.

The English rose lived in luxury for seven years with her first husband, New York nightclub owner Peppo Vanini as a pampered housewife and society hostess to guests such as Aristotle Onassis.

She said: "Women do manage to work and have a family life. But that is the kind of thing Peppo would never accept. He gave me an ultimatum that I could either be a wife of actress. I took the course he didn't expect and went back to work."

Married young

"I was very young when I married or I would never have consented to be a stay-at-home wife in the beginning. I know myself better now. I didn't realise how important my career was to me."

Since then Victoria has landed several big roles, including co-starring in the £40 million TV epic *The Winds of War*, with Robert Mitchum, who has become a firm friend. When production moved from Europe to America, Victoria stayed there — and made it her home.

She starred in a TV blockbuster based on the life of boxer Jack Dempsey, and another about small-town racism in the Deep South of America. And she had a starring role in a film called *Stranger's Kiss*.

## Meet a Neighbour



Ali with Betty, wife and team-mate.

# Jack of all trades, master of many too

## Family, the fulcrum of my life: Ali Dabbagh

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

When a visitor walks into Ali and Betty Dabbagh's living room he has to pause to take in the view. The place is a little treasure trove of handicrafts, woodcarvings, books, art, trophies — a mélange of colour and objects whose only common denominator is that they were lovingly selected by their owners.

The bric-a-brac testify to the couple's varied interests, arguably refined taste and wide travelling experience.

Indeed, 24 of his 35 years Dr Ali Dabbagh, a Kuwaiti eye surgeon and a son of a diplomat, has been spent abroad. Each time he visited a country he took a memento back with him.

But the most precious of souvenirs that will stay with Ali for life cannot be seen on the shelves and walls. "Ireland gave me a wife and a degree," he says.

Accomplishments

In Britain he became an accomplished rugby player and in China he learnt acupuncture. In Switzerland he went cross-country skiing. In France he relished the brash Gallic sense of humour and in Cairo he perfected his classical Arabic.

Today, after years of globe trotting, Ali knows that he is a product of both Arab and Western societies.

"It is the classical question of is it nature or nurture that shapes one's personality. There is no clear-cut answer," he says.

Ali's professional and private life success largely stems from a consistent pursuit of quality in his surroundings. No matter where he lives he has always sought to maintain an exciting lifestyle. When in 1981 he returned to Kuwait, a society with its own tensions, he was not going to make an exception although he had to be more resourceful than elsewhere.

"Medicine was my saviour. And I had good props," he recalls. He came to Kuwait with his Irish wife, who had supported the family while he was still a student in Dublin, and his son Hassan.

The family, "the fulcrum of my life", has offered support but also shared many of his hobbies and dreams. In fact the teamwork in the Dabbagh family is so strong that one gets an impression that Betty Dabbagh partakes in most things her husband is doing, except of course operate on his patients.

A case in point is archery. After taking up the sport in 1983 Ali, Betty and Hassan were Kuwaiti champions in different categories several years in a row.

First love

But Ali's first love has always been the sea. He is a scuba diving instructor and Betty was among his first students.

Although his ambition is to develop archery in Kuwait to the Olympic level and to bring official recognition to scuba diving has founded for lack of support rather than his own efforts, he maintains an interest in both.

But it is in medicine that he moved from strength to strength. "I always knew I wanted to be a doctor," he says. His entry into the field of medicine began when he forced his way into the office of the dean of the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin.

At the time he had just completed the A levels at the Rugby public school in Britain where he excelled in rugby, French literature and classical Arabic, hardly the credentials sought by a medical school.

He asked the dean to give him six months to prove himself. "If I don't make it, kick me out," he told the dean who looked at him in wonder.

Much to Ali's delight the dean, a learned man with an interest in Arabia, consented. Ever since then Ali has never looked back.

After a stint as a general surgeon in

Kuwait's Mubarak Al Kabir hospital he opted to specialise in ophthalmic surgery at the Adan Hospital. He is currently working on his doctorate that will complete his Western medicine training.

Although attracted by high technology in the service of medicine Ali is also somewhat disenchanted by the conventional Western medicine which tends to treat an ailment in exclusion of the patient's entire physical and mental constitution. A believer in alternative medicine, which relies on healing powers in herbs, massage, acupuncture and even faith healers, Ali hopes one day to practice both.

"When a patient comes to me he becomes an eye. The tendency in Western medicine is not to treat an ailment in the context of a patient's general physical and mental make up," he says.

Prejudice

But he concedes that alternative medicine faces many obstacles not the least of which is the prejudice against it in medical circles and the public. Although he is not discouraged by this he admits to his limitations: "I am not a Don Quixote who will singlehandedly attempt to find the ultimate combination of modern and ancient medicine."

His desire to peep into the unknown and unconventional is not limited to medicine. Having mastered target archery he is toying with the idea of delving into kyudo, a Japanese form of archery closely associated with Zen Buddhism. In kyudo the primary aim is not to hit the target, but to achieve thorough spiritual and physical training an intense concentration on the act of shooting and a style expressing perfect serenity.

"The idea of kyudo archery is that you become one with your bow," says Betty who initiated the family's interest in archery.

With his receptive mind, dedication and thoroughness Ali has turned many of

his ambitions into success. For example, when he got interested in acupuncture, not only did he enroll for a training course in China but both he and Betty studied China for a year before their trip. There are dozens of books and Chinese friends to testify to that effort. Not only acupuncture but China as a whole mesmerised the couple prompting Ali to say "I sold my soul to China."

With this kind of passion and dynamic lifestyle, and often dealing with life and death situations at work, Ali inevitably, if infrequently, runs into crises that would overwhelm a personality even more powerful than his. But being ingenious as he is, and a doctor, he has devised an effective method of coping with moments of high tension and pressure. A black humour addict, he summons to his aid imaginary characters such as Fubar and Squinty. Fubar is Ali's alter ego who provides an antidote in critical moments. He is all that Ali is but he is also not accountable to anyone and can do craziest things in the world and get away with it.

Up to mischief

"When I am under pressure all I have to do is to evoke the image of Fubar and ask him what he would do in my place," says Ali, his face a picture of mischief.

Fubar inevitably chooses to do something outrageous enough to diffuse Ali's tension.

While Fubar does a marvellous job in most areas of Ali's activities, Squinty was an invaluable ally in archery.

Never being able to hit the target Squinty is nevertheless the best target archer in the world — in his own view only.

Of course Squinty does not know yet about Ali's plans to take up kyudo archery. Ali shudders at the thought of Squinty attempting to embrace Zen Buddhism and becoming a kyudoka (archer). But given his past record Squinty is bound to jump at the opportunity.

# 'Superstitions be hanged': fisherman offers to help Italy regain Greek statue

FANO, Italy, Oct. 2. (Reuters) — A fisherman who caught a valuable Greek statue 25 years ago has shrugged off a sailor's curse and offered to help Italy claim it back from California's J. Paul Getty Museum.

After a 25-year silence, Pompeo Pirani says he will lead police back to the spot where he pulled up the ancient Greek bronze of a graceful boy-athlete while fishing for sardines in the Adriatic.

Pirani, now 51, says he thought long and hard before offering to help because he had to overcome an old seafarer's superstition.

"There's a curse on that thing. Finding anything that looks like a dead body at sea always brings the evil eye," he explained from the comfort of his sitting-room in the medieval port of Fano.

He has never been back to the waters where he found the statue, which he says he sold to a local antiques dealer for three-and-a-half million lire (\$26,000).

Italian art experts say the bronze is now worth \$5 million.

Pirani offered to lead a search back to "the Devil's Graves", as locals call a rocky

stretch of the Adriatic off Fano, after Italy's culture minister recently reopened an investigation into the case.

The aim is to find the athlete's missing feet, prove the bronze was fished off Fano and sold on Europe's black market, and make the Getty Museum in Malibu give up the masterpiece it bought with New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1977.

Italy sees the bid to win back the statue as part of an offensive to combat an alarming rise in illegal exports of priceless art works. One of the world's wealthiest art buyers,

the Getty Museum will not say who sold the statue or disclose its price.

The museum says it first heard about the bronze in Munich and believes it was fished up in international waters.

Known as the Getty Bronze, the athlete stands in a prominent position inside the late billionaire John Paul Getty's re-creation of a first century Roman country villa on the Pacific coast highway.

The Getty's guidebook says it may be the work of a great fourth century BC sculptor, the Greek Lysippos. Particularly nothing

else of his work survives.

Here they call it the Fano bronze.

Part of the new investigation centres on a small concretion of tightly-packed sea shells and other marine incrustations which Fano officials say was broken off from the athlete's left thigh when Pirani hid it away.

For years a local councillor had been using the piece as a paperweight, unaware of its potential significance.

The Culture Ministry's police will carbon-date it to see if it matches sea incrustations which the Getty Museum painstakingly

removed from the statue.

The Getty says they included shells of sea animals and showed the bronze must have been in the sea for centuries. It says the statue probably sank with a ship taking it to a Roman emperor or general around the first century, the golden age of Roman art collecting.

Italy's leading art historian Federico Zeri, consultant to the Getty, says the athlete was whisked out of Italy, described as a bronze statuette under 12 cm (four inches) high, for which no export permit is needed.

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# PAYDAY



Pogo the clown: \$75

## Killer & his quill

John Wayne Gacy was sentenced to death for murdering 33 people. Now, as he sits waiting in the death cell, he runs a profitable mail order business painting everything from portraits to skulls.

His subjects include Red Indian chiefs, religious scenes and gentle landscapes. He told me: "Anyone can write to me direct to order a picture. I will send them a price list. Also, I have had exhibitions in Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago and more are planned. People can also buy my work at these."

Gacy produces more than 100 paintings a year. He said: "With spending 23 hours a day in a cell, I wanted to find something to fill up my time." And Gacy's artistic pastime has proved profitable. But he claims he doesn't make much money from his Death Row business. He told me: "As you can see, my pictures are all reasonably priced. Most of the money goes right back into buying materials. And some is used for taking care of the postage to handle the letters I receive."

Gacy went on: "I have had no formal training in art. I just watched a lot of art shows on TV and read books about famous artists. But, somehow, it seems to have worked. It is usually collectors who buy my work. Then there are the people who are curious about me. They write to me wondering if I could send them a painting. So far, I have not had a customer who was disappointed."

Before his arrest, Gacy successfully ran a firm of building contractors. He was a workaholic, often putting in a 16-hour day. Gacy's spare time was spent entertaining children in hospitals, dressed as Pogo the Clown.

Gacy claims he didn't receive a fair trial and that his legal representation was poor. His press release states: "A warden from Cook County jail, where Gacy was first held, said, 'there is a great deal of difference between John Wayne Gacy the man, and John Wayne Gacy the media monster.'"

He obviously didn't know John Wayne Gacy the Death Row tycoon. The man who said to me: "If you aren't interested in buying a painting, please pass my list on to someone who is."

John Wayne Gacy has set up business in his cell on Death Row... as a mail order artist.

He paints anything from cute Disney scenes to skulls, or even portraits of people whose photographs are mailed to him.

Gacy, who was once a clown and a successful businessman, has been convicted of more murders than anybody else in America. In 1980, he was sentenced to death 12 times over and given 21 life sentences for murdering 33 young men and boys.

Now 36-year-old Gacy sits in the condemned cell at Menard prison, Illinois, waiting for the results of automatic appeals against his death sentences. And, while he wonders whether he will live or die, he paints his colourful pictures.

Although Gacy has never had an art lesson in his life, these are so brilliant they have been displayed in exhibitions all over the States.

And, with every deft brushstroke, the money comes rolling in. The paintings range in price from \$20 for a clown to \$35 for a religious scene, skull or witch. They go up to \$225 for a commissioned portrait.

£1,000 a month pocket money and \$1,000 for each for her life on her birthday, Carrie eventually dropped her claim and Hefner recently married a young playmate, 26-year-old Kimberly Conrad.

But sometimes maintenance has already been agreed when the unsuspecting divorcee is hit with yet another claim.

Rock singer Rod Stewart's ex-wife Alana has asked for her maintenance payments to be increased to nearly £50,000 a month, three times the amount she was first awarded.

She said: "Life in Hollywood is so expensive, I just can't get by on what Rod pays me."

Alana is often seen eating out in exclusive Tinseltown restaurants like Le Dome and the Bistrot Gardens. Dressed in the latest designer gear, she is also regularly spotted shopping in the most expensive stores in the world on Rodeo Drive.

She also dresses her and Rod's children Sean and Kimberly in designer children's togs and is said to give some of the best parties in town.

Rambo star Sylvester Stallone bought the silence of his leggy blonde wife Brigitte Nielsen by paying her \$4 million to keep her mouth shut about their marriage and get out of his life.

During their 18 months together, Stallone showered stunning Brigitte with cash and presents and even tried to buy back the baby she left in her native Denmark when she went to America to seek her fortune.

Stallone offered Kaspar Winding, Brigitte's ex, \$1 million but when he refused to part with son Julian, Stallone then wrote a £330,000 pop song written for Brigitte to cheer her up.

He gave the beautiful blonde £700 a day spending money and gifts including an £8,000 gold head-dress and a £12,950 marble table with her face engraved on it.

The pre-marriage agreement said Sly should give Brigitte \$2 million but, because he was scared of her kissing and telling, he added another \$2 million to that.

He is worth around \$100 million and a close friend revealed: "He just wants to get her out of his life forever. As far as he is concerned, he hopes Brigitte drops off the face of the earth. He doesn't want to see her, he doesn't want to hear from her. He just wants her to disappear."

Stallone's astrologer mum, Jacqueline, predicted what would become of the marriage before it even started. She was banned from the wedding and branded Brigitte a pig. She stormed: "I don't like the broad because I know perfectly well she just wants his money and not him. It will be the shortest marriage in history and a very costly romance."



Actor Sylvester Stallone and his ex-wife Brigitte

made her massive fortune from her movie and fitness empire, admits the split has left her feeling more than a little fragile. "It would be dishonest to say I am just plodding along," she said. "I'm on a roller coaster."

Joan Collins went through the same thing when ex-husband Peter Holm hit her with a claim for \$60,000-a-month maintenance. It became

one of Hollywood's dirtiest divorce dramas when Holm claimed he should be supported in the style to which he became accustomed during the couple's 13-month marriage.

Holm also disappeared with furniture and paintings, belonging to Joan, said to be worth \$100,000. His claim was laughed out of court.

The same thing happened

when Playboy boss Hugh Hefner was hit with a palimony suit by his ex-fiancee, model Carrie Leigh.

Grasping Carrie tried for a \$3 million hand-out and said: "I have been very hurt. We were in love and I was expecting to get married. We had a very serious relationship. I still care about what happens to him."

Although she was used to

Rock superstar Billy Joel is due to launch a massive, 15-month tour to raise money for his ex-wife Elizabeth Weber.

Now married to top model Christie Brinkley, he has been involved in legal battles with Weber since his split from her in 1983. Although his planned tour looks set to make a fortune, the ex-boxer turned singer has also vowed to sell his New York penthouse of \$4 million in another desperate bid to raise cash for the out of court settlement.

Multi-million dollar pay-offs are nothing new to Hollywood. All over Tinseltown, wives and husbands are taking their ex-spouses to the cleaners and demanding megabucks for the years they spent together.

According to Californian law, an ex-spouse — or even girlfriend or boyfriend — is entitled to half of their partner's fortune and in bitter divorce battles they can hit hard.

It all began when Lee Marvin was taken to court by his mistress, Michele Trois. She made it possible for mistresses to sue their men in the same way that wives could.

In court she sobbed that she had given Marvin the best years of her life and demanded \$1.5 million in compensation.

Marvin said in court: "Hell, I gave her the best years of my life." But although she didn't get quite what she hoped for, Michele was awarded \$100,000 and the word "palimony" was born.

Since then, a host of the rich and famous have had to delve deep into their pockets to pay out huge sums of cash.

Actor James Mason paid his ex-wife two million and arms dealer Adnan Kashoggi had to fork out three million to keep his English-born ex Soraya sweet.

But the Marvin case is now being echoed, on a much grander scale, by superstar Clint Eastwood and his former live-in lover, actress Sondra Locke.

After a 13-year stable relationship, Eastwood demanded that blonde Sondra move out of their home, changed all the house locks and told her through his lawyer: "This matter will be dealt with in an appropriate legal arena."

Now Sondra is dragging all the secrets of her relationship with Eastwood into the open and she has claimed that he forced her to have two abortions and then be sterilised.

Cynics are now laying bets on how much Sondra will be able to get out of Clint.

And Jane Fonda looks all set to pay out an amazing \$57 million, an estimated half of her fortune, if her ex-politician husband Tom Hayden wins their imminent divorce battle.

Hayden said: "I am sorting out my emotions and I don't feel the need to resolve anything right now." But for Jane who

means surrender



Soraya with her lawyer Marvin Michelson



Soraya and her former husband Peter Holm



Clint Eastwood



Lee Marvin and Michele Trois

## Foreign passport new marriage factor

HONG KONG, Oct 1, (UPI): The Chinese for centuries have used matchmakers to pair off men and women with harmonious birth dates and backgrounds but in Hong Kong, a new factor is being included in the search for eternal bliss — a foreign passport.

China resumes sovereignty over the British colony in 1997 and although the mainland has promised Hong Kong can continue its free-wheeling capitalist system for 50 years after the transition, tens of thousands of wary residents are scrambling to leave the enclave.

Many hire emigration counselors to help them find a new homeland while others place their trust in the expertise of someone like Sunny Wong, proprietor of the East Asia Computer Marriage Association.

From a cramped office in an obscure high-rise building on the outskirts of Hong Kong's traditional red light district, Wong runs a matchmaking service that draws both local and international customers.

She said her staff of three handles about 60 new Hong Kong clients — mostly women — per month and receives hundreds of

inquiries each year from prospective clients in the West, mainly men.

Wong's is one of many introduction services in Hong Kong helping lonely, future-minded Chinese find love, and a foreign passport.

Western immigration officials in the colony say they do not keep track of how many Hong Kong people gain entry to their countries through marriage, although they admit the number certainly is substantial.

Wong and other matchmaking agencies said they attract overseas clients through advert-

isements in Chinese-language newspapers and magazines in major US and Canadian cities.

Wong said many of her overseas clients were former Hong Kong residents.

She said people "introduced" through her service often decide to marry before even meeting each other.

"They communicate through letters, then by phone, then, if they have time, they try to meet," she said. "But there is not always enough time or money for this."

Even without meeting their future spouses, gaining a visa to Western countries such as the

United States and Canada is relatively trouble-free for such candidates.

"Arranged marriages are still fairly common in Asia," said Brian Davis, an immigration counselor at the Canadian consulate.

"I've seen many such marriages last quite a long time," Davis said if someone is sponsored as a fiancée by a Canadian national and agrees to be married within 90 days of entering the country, the candidate is granted an emigrant visa and receives Canadian citizenship automatically after residing in the country for three years.

## Idea coined for new designs of American coins

WASHINGTON, Oct 1, (AP): Most US legislators believe Americans want new designs for the nation's coins. But opponents say only collectors are pushing for the change and that the general public would not endorse it. Legislation originated by the US Commission of Fine Arts would require the Treasury Department to modernise coin designs, beginning with 25-cent quarter. It was approved by the Senate in June without opposition and is working its way through the House of Representatives. The weight, size and colour of each

coin would not change. And portraits — although not the same ones — of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt, George Washington and John Kennedy still would adorn the obverse, or "heads," sides of the penny (one cent), nickel (five cents), dime (10 cents), quarter and half-dollar (50 cents).

But the eagle now emblazoned on the reverse side of quarters and half-dollars, Monticello (Jefferson's home) on the nickel and the Lincoln Memorial on the penny would be replaced by themes celebrating the

constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Similar legislation was approved by the Senate last year but failed to go anywhere in the House because of opposition from Congressman Frank Annunzio, then chairman of the House Banking Committee's subcommittee on coinage.

Annunzio likes the present designs and gives a very low priority to coin collectors' effort to change them.

"Changes in our money make Americans very, very uneasy," he said. "We have plenty of serious issues confronting us that need our attention

... a trade imbalance, a budget deficit, a drug epidemic, an education crisis. On a scale of importance from one to 10, coin design change rates a zero."

His successor as the panel's chairman, Congressman Richard Lehman, has no strong views one way or the other. But after an emotional hearing this summer, he wants to proceed cautiously.

"There are some people who are very vocal about redesigning coins, but there's no public clamour out there for it," Lehman said.

The Treasury is not too keen on the

idea, even though the department calculates it would raise an additional \$250 million in sorely needed government revenues over the next six years.

The revenues would be in the form of "seigniorage" — the difference between a coin's face value and what it costs the US mint to produce it. For example, it costs the mint only three cents to strike a quarter, creating a "seigniorage" of 22 cents.

Mint director Donna Pope said officials anticipate that a new design

would slightly increase the demand for coins in circulation — raising seigniorage revenues — as some people hold on to the old or new editions.

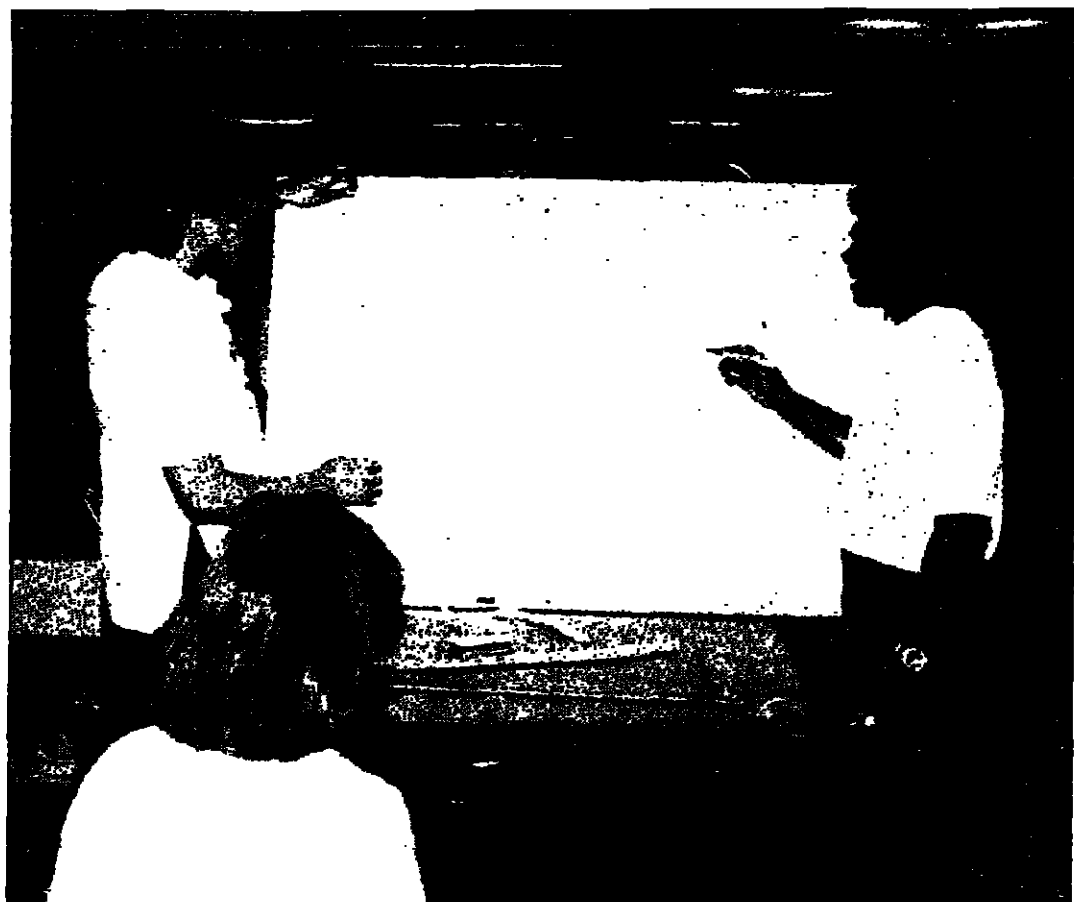
But she says the revenues are not great enough to justify a change by themselves.

"Missing from the coin redesign debate," Ms. Pope said, "is any evidence that the general American public — the non-collecting public — is dissatisfied with current coin designs, or even favours new ones."

Some Congressmen agree.



## EVENTS



The participants watch while the instructor explains the trousers.

## The art of trousers

### Kapilku tailoring session - 2

THE participants were taught the right technique in making the pattern for the trousers, in the second meeting of the tailoring course organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) on Friday, at the Far East Restaurant.

Aside from making the pattern, the members of the association were taught how to make the diagram, the correct measurements and the techniques of professional trousers making. Instructors Eli E. Antolin and Bayani R. Trinidad demonstrated the importance of technique in the measurement and procedure for preparing patterns before cutting the trousers. This will enable the tailor-to-be to know the basics in trouser making and to be able to master the style.

The next session will be on Friday, October 6 at 9:00 am (sharp). It will be the application of sewing

and zipper technique of trousers and it will be done individually as to master the correct ways of styling the trousers. Long sleeves will also be demonstrated to the students to familiarise them with the technical know-how of the Barong Tagalog making, the Filipino national dress.

Executive suits will be taught to the participants in the last session, that is, on October 13 and right after the class, the successful students will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance from the organisers.

The Far East Restaurant & Co., the major sponsor of the course, offers a buffet breakfast during the tailoring session at a minimal cost of KD0.950. All Kapilku members can avail of this good benefit. The Vice-President for Social & Cultural Affairs Sarah Macarimbang was the overall co-ordinator and Jun Mercado was the deputy.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMME

## KTV 1

## MORNING

9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran  
9.40 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety  
9.50 Around the World: Cartoon serial  
10.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.20 Shay Ismah Hob: Arabic serial (part 3)  
11.20 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety  
11.35 United Arab Emirates Popular variety: variety programmes  
12.20 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety  
12.30 News Summary  
12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

## EVENING

4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran  
4.15 The World Today Via Satellite  
4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon serial (part 3)  
5.15 Children and Summer: Local programme, presented by Mama Anisa  
6.00 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements  
6.15 Al Tareeq Illa Al Quds: Historical serial (part 3)  
7.15 Holy Quran and Science: Religious programme  
8.00 Omsiyat Al Ethneen: Local programme, prepared and presented by Mohammed Al Barjis

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8.30 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Ahlan Ya Jaddo Al Aziz: Arabic serial (part 3)  
10.30 Masra Al Motanabi: Historical serial (part 1)  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 The World Today Via Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Opening Announcement and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Little Rascals. A cartoon series for Children  
6.30 Wild Life  
7.00 Roving Report. A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities...  
7.30 Charles in Charge  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 The Scientific Programme  
9.00 Studio 5-B  
10.00 Better Days. "Bryan" joins a new school in Brooklyn where all the basketball team turned away from him... Why and how he has to behave in order to be accepted...  
10.30 Jake and The Fatman  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Nuts  
Salmiya  
Hall booked  
Al Hamra  
Blackfire  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Mela  
Fahad Open  
Rafoo Chakkar

Fahad  
Arabic film  
Al Jahra  
Salamander  
Granada  
Arabic film  
Salaikhat  
Born killer  
Jleeb  
Zamana  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Lawless Land



## MEA welcomed back at Sheraton

A warm welcome reception, given by the management and staff of the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, recently awaited the crew of the Middle East Airline as they stepped off the courtesy bus on their return to Kuwait. To honour and commemorate this occasion a dinner party was also held by the management and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.



## Duo Paradise at the SAS

Danuta Zurawska and Feliks Michalski, SAS Kuwait Hotel's famous "Duo Paradise" are back to entertain nightly in the Peacock room and the Bistrotto restaurant

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Al Fahad  
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Al Jahra  
Al Abraj Pharmacy, Al Jahra

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.23 am
Zuhr	11.38
Asr	3.01 pm
Maghreb	5.38
Isha	6.50

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Watercolour Painting**  
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Millis, 8 week courses for Beginners and Advanced for details tel: 5618847.

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## SOCIAL

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: A annual get-together with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top-Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom—Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel: 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**German Speakers Cultural Association**  
AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

**Breeze 89**  
Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel's new ballroom on 26.10.89 at a social

evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Highlights include Made For Each Other Contest, a Ball Room Competition and a lot of surprises. For further information please contact Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67, after 3.30 pm.

**Vienna Boys Choir**  
The Vienna Boys Choir will be performing again at the Kuwait International Hotel on October 4 with a new repertoire. Tickets are available at the reception. KD8.000 for adults and KD5.000 for children under 12 years. Tel: 2530000/2533000.

**Moods & Melody**  
"Moods & Melody" performs "Geet Maala"—a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Bengali Musical Dance Drama.

**Nakshi Kanthar Maath** (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladeshi poet Jasminuddin will be staged at the Star Light Theatre, Doha Entertainment City on Nov 2 and 3 by Mouchalek.

For details please contact Tel: 4744490, 4893424, 4315759, 3713923, 5625456, 4742656.

**Weekend**  
The fifth season of the local English-language programme, Weekend, starts this Friday on KTV2 at 9.30 pm. Prepared by Adeb Shauher and directed by Abdel Al Najjar, it will feature local news and views of interest to English-speakers. One item of interest could be a spot feature on the renovation of the old souks, recently initiated by the government here.

**Bengali Cultural Society**  
Bengali Cultural Society celebrates Bijoya on 12th October. For details contact 4315561, 5613014, 5617036.

**Moulana Sayeede**  
AN eminent Moulana Delwar Hussain Sayeede of Bangladesh who was expected to arrive in Kuwait on 3rd Oct, to deliver religious speech here on Islam, has been postponed due to Sayeede and his son's sudden illness. We regret for the inconvenience.

**Kuwait Little Theatre — Ahmadi**  
Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

**Magie show**  
NOV 9, 10: Expatriates Club will organise the first magic show in Kuwait. Internationally known Indian magician Marco will perform at the Granada Cinema. Watch out for further details.

**Sheba Sound**  
SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for KD9, inclusive.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanagra boutiques who are sponsoring the visit.

**Kuwait Kannada Koota**  
NOV 3: As part of the Nehru Centenary and Karnataka Rajyotsava Day celebrations, the Koota has organised a variety entertainment programme followed by dinner at the Sharq Co-op Auditorium. For entry passes contact tel. nos. 5621922/5650264/3745483/3714089.

**Fiesta Teatra**  
OCT 20: A red letter day for stage play Afficionados. The Filipino Cultural Club (FCC), under the chairmanship of Buddy Patungan, proudly represents another unique innovation of theirs, this time, directed by Joey Laurente, the energetic "brains" behind the sensational SISA. Highlighting the intricate interesting life of its central character, Austrian composer, Wolfgang "Amadeus" Mozart. This two hour stage play will hold the same vibrant, all spirited team of the legendary "Fiesta Filipina '89".

Featuring Tolis Matig-A, in his most dramatic role ever, see him play the magnificent figure of "Salieri". At the Al Jahra Ballroom of Le Meridien Hotel, watch the director/choreographer of "Fiesta '89" turn actor himself in "the saga of Amadeus" plus a whole cast of lovely and dashing characters that FCC has in store for you.

**Bookkeeping and accounting**  
THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold their self-improvement courses or the free classes for Bookkeeping and Accounting on Friday, October 20 at Far East Restaurant from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. These courses will cover for four Fridays and a certificate of attendance will be awarded to all successful students.

**BOOKKEEPING** will cover the single and double entries. Terms and cycle.

**ACCOUNTING** will cover the concepts, financial ratios, accounting in banking, trading, manufacturing, hotel business and others. Taxation in accounting will be explained in details plus the correct preparation of Income Tax for individuals.

Negotiable instruments will also be included to familiarize all the participants regarding the importance of the documents and the transactions for accounting. Registration starts today and interested participants can contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice President for Social and Cultural Affairs on 4843447. First come basis only.

**Canadian Women's League**  
THE first meeting of the season will be held on Saturday, Oct 7, 4 to 7 pm. Maps available from the Canadian embassy, or contact Tel: 3718678. New members welcome.

**ACT**  
ACT welcomes all people who would like to be involved in this season's theatrical activities to a general meeting on Oct. 4th from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. The upcoming season will be discussed and committees will be formed. It will be a chance to see old friends and to make new ones. For more details, call 562-0332 from 6 - 10 pm.

**Indian Arts Circle**  
As a part of Nehru birth centenary celebration, Indian Arts Circle is pleased to announce that a week long children's competition will be arranged at the IAC Auditorium from 21st to 27th October, 1989. This competition is open for all school going Indian children.

IAC is organising the competition with a view to identify and encourage young talent in the areas of arts, culture and general knowledge.

A steering committee has been formed in association with the principals of various Indian schools in Kuwait and the Indian Embassy to conduct the competition in a fair and systematic way.

Events included under the competition are singing, dancing, recitation, elocution, fancy dress, painting and quiz. Entry forms with rules and regulations are available from various Indian schools and IAC office at Funaites. Last date of entry is 5th October, 1989. Entry fee is KD. 1/- per child irrespective of number of events entered.

For the sake of this competition, children will be grouped as follows according to the class they attend:  
Group - A: K.G. to Prep Standard.  
Group - B: 1st to 3rd Stan-

dard.  
Group - C: 4th to 6th Standard.  
Group - D: 7th to 9th Standard.  
Group - E: 10th to 12th Standard.

These standards refer to Indian schools. For other schools, equivalent grades will be considered.

**Star Nite**  
DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

## HOTELS

**Kuwait International**  
AFTERNOON TEA: Served at La Patisserie from 3 pm to 6 pm. Offers the finest teas, delicious salmon and cucumber sandwiches, mouth watering pastries and not to forget those delicious scones, strawberry jam and lovely fresh cream. Pianist and harpist in the evening.

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**FAILAKA: Daily Chef's Special** for lunch and dinner. Special mezzeh buffet on Thursday evenings. Live entertainment during dinner.

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## Goodbye reception

The management of Kuwait Meridien Hotel on Saturday hosted a reception to say goodbye to outgoing general manager Andreas Mattmuller and to welcome his successor Keaton Woods. A large number of leading businessmen, officials and newsmen attended. Above: Mattmuller (second left) pictured with the new general manager Keaton Woods (third right) and hotel staff and guests.

## The Chinese people stand up

Veterans of the Long March, missionaries and Chinese in town and country talk about the old China in the first of a six-part series which examines the first 40 years of The People's Republic of China including the recent uprising in Tiananmen Square. Written and presented by Elizabeth Wright who worked in China during the Cultural Revolution and who has visited China regularly for the past 25 years the story is told not only by experts but also, as much as possible, by the ordinary Chinese people who took part in the great events that changed their lives.

Monday, October 2: 9.30 and 13.01  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m: 15.07 MHz/19.91m: 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

## No life for a child

Jake Emenis is a young ex-drug user based at a drug rehabilitation centre in the Philippines. Joseph is a 10-year old Philippine whose parents were shot dead in front of him. They are just two of the children whose stories are told in a new six-part series marking the drawing up of the UN Convention on Children's Rights. Reporter Tessa Shaw was asked by Unicef to visit both developed and developing countries. During the course of her travels she talked to many children whose lives were overshadowed by armed conflict, drought, famine, sex and drug abuse.

Wednesday, October 4: 12.45 and 22.25  
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## Food Plants

In the past humans have used the leaves, roots, seeds, fruits, nuts, sugars and spices of about 3,000 different plants as food sources. Today 20 species of plants supplies more than 90% of the human diet. In this series of programmes Nick Rankin looks at the history and economics, science and folklore of the relationship between humans and the plants that nourish us.

Wednesday, October 4: 15.15 and Thursday, October 5: 9.30 and 22.30  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m: 15.07 MHz/19.91m: 11.76 MHz/25.51m.

## The children's hour

Karen and Martha are two young women beginning to make a success of a private boarding school for girls. The children are happy with the exception of Mary Tilford who finally carries out her threat to run away. The lie she tells her grandmother has a devastating effect on the girls, the school and the whole community. Lillian Hellman's play in two parts has been adapted for radio by Pat Trueman.

Monday, October 4: 18.15  
Frequencies: 17.64 MHz/17.01m: 15.07 MHz/19.91m: 11.76 MHz/25.51m.



## Visit

Dr Ali Abdul Quadir Dalvi, chairman and managing director of Raina Drugs Pvt. Ltd., Bombay, India, will conclude a private visit to Kuwait tomorrow.

Dr Dawl, who founded the drugs company with the help of overseas Kokans, was in Kuwait to gather funds to expand the business. On the board are plans to expand into fruit and vegetable canning, automation and introducing the latest technology in the manufacture of medicines. Dr Dalvi, who is a member of several organisations in Bombay, met leading members of the Kokan community in Kuwait. He is leaving for the UAE and will visit the Sultanate of Oman before returning to India.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (23332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

New projects, policy changes under review

## Iraq continues to seek credit to finance projects

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

ONE year after the Gulf war ceasefire, Iraq now has an estimated \$10 billion worth of projects under way. The country's commitment to development remains undiminished by debt problems. This was one of the key issues highlighted by Middle East Economic Digest (Mead) staffwriter Jonathan Crusoe at a seminar at the Regency Palace yesterday. It was organised by Mead's local agent Delta Electronic Centre Co.

The strategic development areas are oil and heavy industry. Contracts are being awarded for the central refinery, and petrochemical complex No. 2. Work has started on steel projects, new power stations and fertiliser plants. These projects are all intended to maximise local resources, cut back on import spending and boost export potential. Diversification away from almost total dependence on oil revenues is another major reason why the government is committed to such heavy spending.

Baghdad continues to seek credit to fund the bulk of its new work. Contractors from Yugoslavia, the UK and the Soviet Union are among those benefitting from government credit lines, and French companies hope to receive credit support once Iraq makes the first repayment under the terms of the recent rescheduling agreement.

Commercial loans have also been raised to finance projects and oil barter is occasionally used. In some cases cash has been made available. Baghdad has also continued a policy of rescheduling its debt, often tying repayments to fresh credit being made available by the creditor.

The recent easing of restrictions, such as allowing commercial agents to play a wider role, and enabling foreign companies to set up offices without having a government contract, reflect a desire by Iraq to see more foreign participation in Iraq, particularly in supplying high-tech mechanical and electrical equipment. The spending seems likely to go on.

This was a followup to the seminar in March 1989 when a newly prepared country profile

on Iraq was released. The events in Iraq have moved quickly and substantially and hence the need for a second seminar to update businessmen on current situation and future projections.

The seminar was divided into four sections: new projects and policy changes were presented by Crusoe. Problems in moving project materials and trade cargo were presented by R. Rajendra who has first hand experience in Iraq and other neighbouring Arab countries.

Iraq market analysis and communication strategies was presented by Rajan of Delta Electronic Centre Co. The expected boom in Kuwait after the stoppage of war between Iraq and Iran has not materialised for two reasons. First, the boom did not take place in Iraq itself due to its cash payment problems and secondly, Kuwait market has not responded to the challenges of regaining the lost market share in Iraq.

While in 1980 Kuwait was the foremost supply point to Iraq, during the war years the initiative was lost to Jordan and Turkey on one hand and to Dubai on the other hand.

Traders in Dubai who practised two-way trade (both buying and selling) with Iraq have benefited more than Kuwaiti traders who are waiting for "cash door" to be opened.

In this context it may be pointed out that even with Saudi Arabia and Dubai (which has free currencies) Kuwait now has a deficit of trade balance and so the problem is not entirely one of cash payments but perhaps marketing and trading practices of Kuwaiti companies.

On one hand Kuwait has many significant advantages in terms of communication, freedom to travel and free currency. On the other hand, Iraq's next door neighbour, has a huge demand and ability to pay for it in long-term oil wealth. Then why the problem?

Kuwaiti banks have not been encouraging Iraqi trade. At the same time Kuwaiti traders and merchants have not looked around the world for financiers. Their own theory is perhaps that if Kuwait cannot finance, no one else will. But many international banks have analysed the situa-

tion in a different way and are providing trade credit.

Also Kuwaiti companies should look at their own marketing practices and realise that Iraq market is not just an extension of Kuwaiti market but has its own logic and character. Iraq has a huge unsatisfied demand but due to constraints of supply has a potential for only narrow range of products albeit in large quantities which is exactly the opposite case in Kuwait where there is a surplus of supply over demand.

Also Iraq has a strong industrial and projects orientation and these are at the moment not emphasised in Kuwait. While Kuwait has a well developed service sector, it is still in an infant stage in Iraq.

Thus Kuwait must face up to realities of Iraq market and utilise its special strengths to find itself a market niche instead of waiting for the good old days. It must begin to practice the business of commercial barter and provide orientation and training to staff assigned to Iraq to understand peculiarities of Iraqi market.

Iraq has now liberalised the commercial laws since May 1989 so it is possible now to have commission agents/cancassers for different products in Iraq and even have a bureau without a local sponsor for doing market research etc. Iraq has advertising rates which are expensive when paid for in foreign currency. In any case it is a seller's market so the communication strategies must focus more on trade channels.

Finally Kuwait with its history of free enterprise and commercial acumen, should position itself as a window to trade with Iraq for countries which are far remote from Middle East but keen on trade with Iraq.

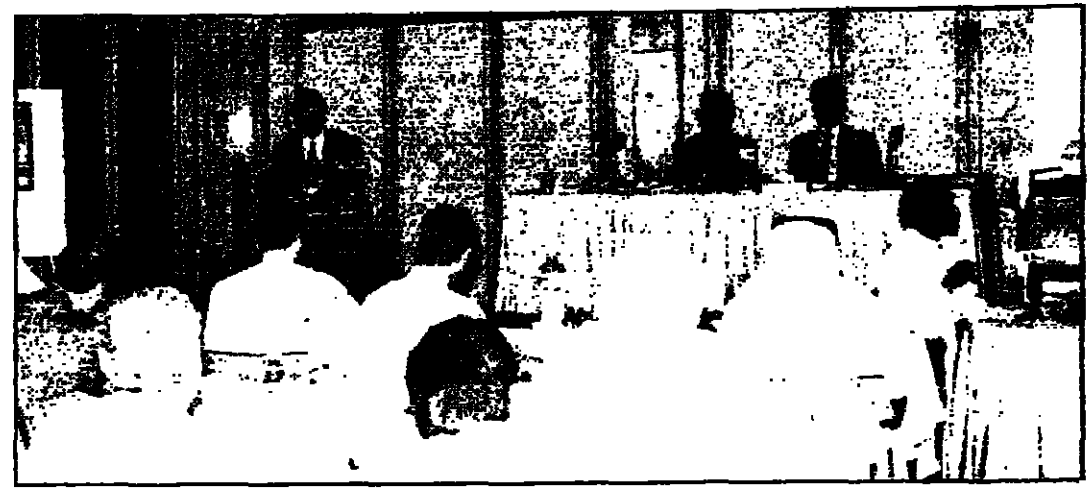
Rajendra is the international freight manager of Al Naqeb and Khatir Co. who are one of the leading freight forwarding companies in Kuwait, Jordan, Iraq, UAE and Dubai. It has a world-wide affiliation and network. Rajendra said that having located, identified and concluded business with Iraq, whether imports into Iraq or exports from Iraq, it is extremely essential for the contractors to be

aware of those non-quantifiable areas of problems in materials management.

"It is less known to most technocrats and it includes effective delivery time, logistics of moving/routing through various countries available from the point of origin of goods up to delivery site in Iraq, strategy and decision-making to using multi-model systems in material management i.e. shipping, sea, air, surface transportation and or combination of these on-carriage modes, to be aware and overcome laws/rules, taxes and duties," Rajendra said. He said that in those countries through which the goods have to move up to Iraq.

He said: "Understanding and ensuring various shipping documentation procedure required by various customs and port authorities in the countries concerned, to arrange and settle insurance claims on behalf of the exporters and lastly to update the logistic routings which is ever changing."

Rajendra said that to overcome these non-quantifiable problem areas and to ensure smooth deliveries whereby project-contractors can effectively enhance their profit-share, it is extremely important and essential to have a professional freight forwarder who could fulfil the obligations of materials management.



Jonathan Crusoe (left) pictured with other participants.

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## Adnoc raises crude prices

DUBAI, Oct 1, (Reuters): The Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. (Adnoc) has retrospectively raised its Murban crude oil price for September by 65 cents to \$16.65 per barrel from \$16.00 in August, oil traders in the Gulf said today.

They said Adnoc also raised its lower Zakkum crude price to \$16.40 per barrel from \$15.75 in August. Umm Shaif price to \$16.37 per barrel from \$15.65 and Upper Zakkum price to \$15.65 per barrel from \$15.00.

Adnoc sets crude oil prices for its customers retrospectively at the end of each month based on market trends.

Meanwhile, Egypt today increased the prices of its exported oil by 50 cents a barrel for all blends, the fourth successive export price hike since the middle of August, an Oil Ministry official said.

Hamad Ayoub, director for external trade, said the new prices were for the first half of October.

He refused all comment on an agreement by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries earlier this week to modestly increase their oil production ceiling.

Ayoub said the new prices were \$16.50 a barrel for the top-grade Gulf of Suez blend, \$15.65 a barrel for Belayim, \$14.50 a barrel for Ras Badran and \$14.20 a barrel for Ras Chabab.

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## Substantial capital investment vital

## Gloomy forecast for Lebanese economy

By Mahmoud Abdein

AS a result of the recent positive developments on the security front, the Lebanese pound experienced a sharp appreciation in its value against the US dollar, increasing by about 18 per cent in a period of two days.

Dr Ziad Takky, Assistant General Manager and chief economist of National Bank of Kuwait told the Al-Sayassah newspaper in an exclusive interview that the recent relative success of the ceasefire, after over six months of the most devastating period of destruction and displacement of people and resources, has brought out again, in the mind of all the Lebanese people, those who are still in Lebanon or those who were obliged for one reason or another to leave Lebanon, as what is the current state of the Lebanese economy, and what is going to happen to the Lebanese pound in the near as well as in the medium terms.

It is very difficult to even try to predict as to what is going to happen to the Lebanese pound. Even during ordinary periods, this was a very difficult task.

The above task is even much more difficult, at a time that Lebanon is experiencing a very hush and fragile ceasefire, with political difficulties are far from being dealt with.

Dr Takky said with the above political uncertainties and without the re-establishment of confidence among the various parties, it is very difficult to see further appreciation in the value of the Lebanese pound against the US dollar and other foreign currencies.

With the above pessimistic

view, it is, however, important to note that, in spite of the severe destruction that took place in the last fifteen months, Lebanon still has some positive elements that are still in its favour and may provide some support to the Lebanese pound. This includes the following:

■ Improvement in the international reserve position, the Central Bank of Lebanon as of August 1989 possessed more than \$1 billion in foreign exchange reserves.

■ The external debt of Lebanon is estimated between \$400-500 million most of it incurred for the purchase of weapons. If we exclude the military debt, the external obligations of Lebanon is estimated at \$230 million.

It is important to note that, in contrast to many other developing countries that are not experiencing civil war and internal problems, Lebanon has always made its foreign debt remittances on time and it is not expected to have any difficulty to continue to do that in the future.

■ Lebanon's official gold is believed to have been preserved and is estimated at 9.22 million ounces, equivalent to over \$4.5 billion at market prices.

During the last three years, there were several proposals to place part of the gold stock in a fund to be used, in turn, as backing for international borrowing, with the proceeds going to reconstitute the country's foreign exchange reserves. However, the government at the time was not able to reach an agreement as to whether such a proposal is workable and beneficial to the country.



Dr Ziad Takky

The above positive factors should provide some support for the Lebanese pound in the medium-term, and after some confidence in the management of the country is restored.

He said the absence of any data recently published about the Lebanese economy, it is difficult to come out with any estimates as to the various economic and financial variables of Lebanon. However, of what has been witnessed in terms of destruction and long neglect, it is obvious that many sectors in the economy are in a very poor state.

The first task of the government, when and if it is formed in the near future, is to estimate the cost of internal reconstruction. The enormous task includes not only repair of the damage caused by the civil war, but also replacing infrastructure destroyed or neglected by being not maintained adequately. Little investment in the nation's infrastructure has taken place since the early 1970s.

The long neglect has made Lebanon's infrastructure rehabilitation requirements both extensive and expensive. Among the various areas that need substantial capital investment are the following: power stations, road system, telephone and communication network, water and sewage system, only to mention a few of the needed infrastructural projects.

With the present financial situation of the new government, and with the heavy burden of debt that is already outstanding, it is assumed that a very large portion of the reconstruction effort will be undertaken by the private sector as well as by international organisations. However, unless the government regains political and economic control over the entire country, large scale economic assistance for reconstruction is not likely to be forthcoming in large amounts soon.

Dr Takky said the Lebanese consumer has been hit hard, particularly in the last two years, after the sharp depreciation in the Lebanese pound. As a result the average consumer experienced a sharp drop in his living standards, and his level of savings has been eroded. The country has experienced many violent demonstrations to protest the collapse of the economy and the rise in the cost of living.

The return of peace and stability is not expected to provide much relief to the consumer, because he is faced with high cost of repairing his house and in meeting some repair expenses that have been postponed due to the lack of security in the last six months. Prices of

goods and services are not expected to show any sharp decline because Lebanon is heavily dependent on imports and shopkeepers tend to adjust their prices upward in a short period, but are not expected to reduce those prices with the drop in the value of the dollar in the local market.

The adjustment period may take several months, with the possibility that the importer may have to pay more fees and charges in the form of custom duties and taxes that he did not pay when he used to clear the goods through one of the illegal ports.

Moreover, the return of government controls means that the system of tax collection will be improved, something that many Lebanese were able to avoid for sometime now. Also, the heavy burden on the government, will require a better tax collection system and the elimination of some subsidies which will add more burden on the average consumer.

As a result, it will be difficult to see the average Lebanese achieving any savings in the short-run. By the contrary, the consumer will be under a heavy burden that may result in more protests and requests for assistance and relief.

Although the priority of the government will be placed on the areas of housing, education and health care, the heavy burden of financing those projects will fall on the private sector that will tend to charge high prices for it. If the government assumes that role, then those projects have to be funded by new sources of funds such as new taxes, bank loans and bond issues. Therefore, in either case, the Lebanese consumer will be pay-

ing for those services, either directly or indirectly.

As to the impact on the banking system, it is expected that the Central Bank will continue to guarantee the integrity of the financial and the banking system, in spite of its limited resources. With the increase of its international reserves due to increased remittances and hopefully some aid funds channelled into the country, the Central Bank's ability to provide the necessary support to any bank will be strengthened. It is important to note that over 80 per cent of the banks deposits are in foreign currencies, and many of them have diversified geographically to open branches in Europe, Africa and the Gulf.

In conclusion, what Lebanon needs now is the re-establishment of confidence among the various parties. This is a priority that will put Lebanon on the right track, and after that everything becomes feasible.

The Lebanese people, as well as the Lebanese economy, have gone through difficult times that are very severe. However, in the past, the economy has shown an unusual ability to recover and shrug-off difficulties, and the people have unique capabilities to adjust and make the best out of things. The energy and ability of the Lebanese people in persevering against difficulties and in rebuilding their nation in the past is a matter of record and well recognised internationally. However, until a measure of stability returns, very few people outside Lebanon, being Lebanese or of other nationalities, will be ready and willing to commit their money to Lebanon.

## KD rate firm against dollar

## Gulf Bank weekly market review

BASED on last week's opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was higher against the dollar ending the week at 296.52 fils compared with 296.52 fils before last closing of 296.53 fils. The KD was lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 478.47 fils compared with its week before last closing of 473.11 fils.

The KD was lower against the DM ending the week at 157.30 fils compared with its week before last closing of 154.20 fils. The KD was also lower against the SFR ending the week at 181.55 fils compared with its week before last closing of 178.03 fils, according to Gulf Bank weekly market report.

The KD was higher against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 427.06 fils compared with its week before last closing of 431.60 fils. The KD was higher against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates. As to the KD money market, short term interest bank offer rates traded relatively lower over the week. One-month interbank rates traded over the week with 8.37 per cent - 8.58 per cent range compared with 8.31 per cent - 8.56 per cent range the week before last.

While 3-month interbank rates traded within 8.43 per cent - 8.56 per cent range compared with 8.43 per cent - 8.56 per cent range the week before last. Rates for longer periods traded within a higher range of 8.50 per cent - 8.62 per cent for both 6 and 12 months respectively.

## World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices for most part of the week traded mixed although the overall performance was relatively higher compared to previous week's prices. Buying in the stock market was mainly concentrated in the blue chips shares, as well as short covering, while selling was heavily visible in the technology issues which was triggered by IBM's surprise announcement of lower third quarter earnings.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2659 points and closed the week at 2693 points, recording a gain of 17 points over the previous week's closing of 2676.

Share prices of the London Stock Exchange last week moved lower, and prices plunged in the mid part of the week below the FTSE key support level of 2300 since the market finally decided it was time for a setback. Market participants for a long time have been looking for a real consolidation period ever since this run began back in June. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2359.6 points and closed lower at 2299.4 recording a loss of 72.7 points over the previous week's closing of 2372.

## US dollar

The dollar traded sharply lower over the week reaching its lows for the month especially against the yen and the pound sterling. The release of the G-7 statement coupled with concentrated central banks intervention was the main reason for pushing the dollar lower.

The Group of Seven industrialised nations who met in Washington DC last weekend announced their opposition to a stronger dollar, and backed that statement up with surprisingly strong and persistent concerted selling. The G-7 agreed that a rise of the dollar above current levels or an excessive decline could adversely affect prospects for the world economy and accordingly agreed to co-operate closely in the exchange markets.

Although the G-7 officials said they have no targets of the dollar's lower levels, however it is believed the G-7 would be happy to see a stable dollar around the 135 yen and 1.85 marks.

It is believed that 11 central banks have joined in the assault on the dollar. For example, Bank of Japan sold dollars heavily in Tokyo, while the US Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada also intervened heavily in Tokyo by selling dollars for the yen. Even the Fed sold dollars for marks and pound sterling.

## Pound sterling

The pound opened the week against the dollar at \$1.6170 and closed higher at \$1.6195/03, compared to its week before last closing of \$1.5710/20. The pound gained momentum following intense speculation in the money market regarding an increase in UK base rates from 14 per cent.

However, UK Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said British interest rates would have to stay high because of the government's fight against inflation. Lawson also said commenting on the latest British trade figures that UK current account deficit would continue to rise in the coming months but it would be a slow process. UK current account deficit for the month of August recorded \$2 billion against a market forecast of \$1.5 billion. The August figures are the third largest on record.

## Japanese yen

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 142.05/15 yen and closed the week sharply higher at 139.05/15 yen compared to its week before last closing at 145.90/10 yen. Bank of Japan has been quite active over the week in selling dollars for the yen, and for the whole month of September the total amount of dollar sales intervention by BOJ has been estimated around \$3 billion (equal to 430 billion yen).

Japan's August unemployment (on an unadjusted basis) totalled 1.4 million persons, against 1.32 million the previous month and 1.57 million a year earlier. Overall employment in August climbed by 1.2 million or 2 per cent from a year earlier to 61.93 million, while August employment in the manufacturing sector rose 4.1 per cent to 14.75 million which is the third consecutive month it has increased by more than 500,000 persons.

Japan's retail sales rose 8 per cent in August from a year earlier to 1.415 billion yen. According to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, department sales in August increased 8 per cent from a year earlier to 679.1 billion yen, while supermarket sales jumped 7.9 per cent to 735.7 billion yen. In July retail sales were 8.7 per cent from a year earlier.

## Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week against the dollar at 1.9020/30 marks and closed the week sharply higher at 1.8725/35 marks compared to its week before last closing of 1.9515/25 marks. The mark's bullishness was aided by several factors, mainly, the dollar fall due to G-7 announcement, Bundesbank intervention to the money market through selling marks for dollars, and finally expectation of a W. German interest rate rise.

Talk of higher W. German interest rates has resurfaced over and over again recently. Bundesbank president Karl Otto Poehl revived speculation over W. German interest rates when he said it was right to question if W. German interest rates structure was appropriate for the level of expansion within the economy, based on current inflationary threats.

W. German cost of living rose (on provisional basis) 0.2 per cent for the month of September and 3.1 per cent on a year-to-year basis, according to the W. German Federal Statistics Office. Cost of living for the month of August recorded a negative 0.1 per cent on monthly basis and 2.9 per cent on a year-to-year basis.

## French franc

The French franc opened the week against the US\$ at 6.4470/00 FFR and closed the week higher at 6.3545/75 FFR, compared to its week before last closing of 6.5970/00 FFR.

## Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the dollar at 1.6470/80 SFR and closed the week higher at 1.6210/20 SFR, compared to its week before last closing of 1.6910/30 SFR.

## Precious metals

Precious metals prices over the previous week continued to move higher mainly due to the fall of the dollar. Gold prices remained fundamentally firm but has been unable to breach the \$370 resistance level, established earlier this week, while silver prices were holding a tight 3 cents range over most part of the week. Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$366.75/\$365.25/oz, and closed higher at \$366.10/\$366.60/oz, recording a gain of 2.65 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of \$364.75/\$365.25/oz.

Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$5.30/\$5.32/oz and closed higher at \$5.28/\$5.30/oz, recording a gain of 3 cents over the previous week's closing of \$5.25/\$5.27/oz.

Platinum prices opened the week at \$484/\$485/oz and closed higher at \$492.50/\$493/oz, recording a gain of 13 \$/oz over the previous week's closing of \$479/\$480/oz.

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## Japan's robot industry booms

TOKYO, Oct 1, (Reuters): Growing disdain for manual labour among upwardly mobile Japanese workers has sent companies scrambling to buy robots and other machines incapable of such snobbish sentiments.

The manufacturing industry, the magician behind Japan's economic miracle, is now facing its most acute labour shortage since 1974, according to the Bank of Japan's August report.

Wealthy young Japanese are spurning the factory and assembly-line jobs at which their parents excelled, and companies are snapping up robots and other sophisticated machines to take their place.

"The robot rush" has become a major theme in the Tokyo Stock Market as analysts predict the labour shortage will continue for a long time.

"If humans won't get their hands dirty, then you have to buy robots or other machines," said Mark Kopinski, analyst at Salomon Brothers brokerage in Tokyo.

Two major Japanese banks released reports this week saying manufacturing company expenditure on machines in the year to March 31, 1990, is expected to grow sharply.

The Industrial Bank of Japan, quoting 2,891 respondents to a survey, said capital spending by manufacturing companies is likely to reach 7.15 trillion yen (\$50 billion) for the year to March 31, 1990, up 23.9 per cent from a year earlier.

The Japan Development Bank predicted a similar increase.

Such spending will hasten the ascent of the robot and swell the coffers of companies making them, analysts said.

"There will be a lot of earnings surprises among companies that make high-technology machines and robots," Kopinski said.

Fanuc, Japan's biggest robot maker, predicts its sales of the machines will rise to 38.2 billion yen (\$270 million) in the year to March 31, 1990, from 32.2 billion (\$228 million) a year earlier.

Unlike those in futuristic movies, few robots are made in the image of man. But many are capable of a wide range of movements and can be programmed by a central computer chip "brain" to perform several tasks.

Robots move with a series of joints and pivots that sometimes makes them resemble human limbs. Many, like the Fanuc robot Arc Mate, are endowed with laser "vision," which enables them to detect some objects.

One construction company, the Obayashi Corporation, has developed a machine that hammers in steel girders and aligns cross-beams with a minimum of human help. It slashes building time almost in half, the company says.

## BNL secretly approved \$3 billion in loans to Iraq

## Scandal raises questions of arms sales

ROME, Oct 1, (AP): A dashing banker with a taste for Alfa Romeos, rumoured military shipments to the Middle East. A secret plan to provide billions of dollars to Iraq through Italy's biggest bank - with no record on the books.

It could be the stuff of a best-selling novel. But since US authorities descended on an Italian bank in Atlanta, Georgia, in August, the elements have instead emerged at the centre of a mystery involving Italy, Iraq and a US government agency.

The case has become Italy's biggest banking scandal since the 1982 collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, the country's largest private bank, which made huge loans to Latin American dummy companies.

Officials say the Banca Nazionale Del Lavoro branch in Atlanta secretly approved \$3 billion in loans to Iraq in 1988-89, in the form of letters of credit for US and European firms for exports to Iraq.

Iraq insists it had no idea the loans were secret. It says it used the money simply for grain and machinery for civilian uses, like making cars.

But several companies that reportedly received secret BNL

credits were implicated in past Middle East arms scandals. Others used BNL credits to sell Iraq machines with possible military applications, although they say the sales were legal.

The case has prompted an investigation by Rome magistrates into possible illegal arms sales and bribes, and US probes into whether fraud was involved. So far, no one has been charged.

Meanwhile, directors of the government-owned BNL have been forced to resign. Italian opposition parties have demanded an inquiry.

"We want credible answers from the government to the questions of traffic of arms, the role of the secret service, the violation of international embargoes regarding Iraq," declared a leftist opposition deputy, Franco Basnani.

"In this case there are disquieting signs and suspicions."

So far, the affair has raised more questions than answers. Why were the huge loans to Iraq made? How could they slip unnoticed past US and Italian regulators? Who in the bank or the various governments knew what was going on?

At the centre of the scandal is the Atlanta branch manager, 40-

year-old Christopher Drogoul. A blond, athletically built French-American with a penchant for well-cut suits and Alfa Romeo sports cars, he was considered an intelligent, aggressive banker.

BNL says Drogoul was supposed to stick to a credit limit of \$500,000 per customer, and that it thought he did.

But Drogoul manipulated the books and hid the Iraqi credits in secret files, some in his home, according to US and Italian authorities.

The banker and his lawyer have refused comment.

BNL has fired the former manager, suspended nine other members of the 19-person Atlanta staff and filed a legal complaint about Drogoul. However, it has not explained why the banker made the secret Iraqi loans.

Guido Carli, the minister of Italy's treasury, which owns 74 per cent of BNL, has charged that the bank's directors missed the Atlanta arrangements through lax inspection.

But many people doubt that the \$3-billion operation could have escaped the notice of the home office.

BNL's former US director, Luigi Sardelli, told the Italian

weekly Europe that when he was appointed in 1987, the BNL branches hadn't been inspected in two years.

He says he alerted the bank's directors of serious problems in Atlanta but that the warning was ignored.

Suspicious of connivance by top bank officials have led to speculation that Italian politicians were involved - a natural leap of faith in a country in which 80 per cent of the banks are government-owned and most bank directors are political appointees.

Former BNL executives have fed the fire by implying international skulduggery.

"There's something that escapes us; something that has to do with international politics, not of a banking nature," the bank's ousted chairman, Nerio Nesi, told the Italian weekly L'Espresso.

Aside from escaping detection at bank headquarters, the Atlanta operation also passed unnoticed during inspections by the Georgia Banking and Finance Department and the US Federal Reserve, which did not realise BNL was financing the Iraqi credits through loans from other banks.

## Latin leaders seek trade deals to fight drug war

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 1, (Reuters): Latin American leaders want better trade terms rather than money handouts to fight their war against drug trafficking.

Not until farmers get a better price for coffee, cotton, or flowers will they be willing to give up their vast plantations of coca, the plant base for cocaine, Latin America's major narcotics-producing countries told the United Nations General Assembly last week.

"We cannot speak about solutions based on eradication but on crop substitution," Peruvian Foreign Minister Guillermo Larco-Cox told the world body.

"And this must be supported by international agreements guaranteeing preferential treatment of commodities and access to markets at competitive prices," he said.

Larco-Cox even mentioned decriminalisation of drug use as a means of fighting the war on traffickers.

"If we were to deprive the farmers of coca growing we

would be promoting a social problem of hunger and protest that could swell the ranks of subversive forces and lead to the relocation of illegal crops," he said.

Colombia's cocaine conglomerates have already begun spreading out across Latin America, prompting fears that the region's drug problem could become many times worse.

The international community should consider buying the coca crop, legalising the consumption of drugs and converting foreign

debt into drug-fighting resources, Larco-Cox said.

Peru and Bolivia grow about 80 per cent of the world coca supply while Colombia, a major cocaine-processing centre, has been the source of 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped to the US market.

"We are not asking for more assistance - we have received plenty of help from your country," Colombian President Virgilio Barco said after meeting US President George Bush in Washington.

In a speech designed to assuage ACP fears, EEC Commission vice-president Manuel Marin conceded that 1992 could aggravate ACP economic crises and debt problems.

French national assembly president Laurent Fabius said 1992 should not jeopardise ACP trade privileges. But he acknowledged: "It will be difficult."

ACP concerns have been heightened by a fall in their share of EEC imports to below six per cent from nine per cent in 1970. The EEC absorbs about 70 per cent of ACP exports, excluding oil.

After raucous debate in the sumptuous surroundings of the Versailles Palace, the joint assembly adopted a resolution urging the EEC to guarantee market access to the developing countries' imports.

It also recommended that the next Lome convention reimburse ACP countries if their share of EEC agricultural imports falls as a result of the 1992 community changes.

Twenty commodities account for over 85 per cent of the ACP export earnings, and one or two products dominate the economies of most of the nations.

Falls in the prices of coffee and cocoa have hit many ACP countries, including the Ivory Coast, Senegal and Ghana.

The assembly urged the EEC to give continued preferential treatment to ACP banana exports, to accord free and unlimited access for ACP rum and to improve trade terms for ACP rice.

In the Lome talks, ACP nations are pushing for a dramatic increase in EEC aid over the next five years. The current accord has provided about \$8.5 billion over five years.

EEC officials agreed an increase was due, but discouraged ACP hopes of a dramatic rise. "Development aid has often been wasted," said assembly co-president Leo Tindemans of Belgium. "The key to development is not always the amount of aid."



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SPORTS

# Marseille go to top of table

PARIS, Oct 1, (Reuters): French double winners Marseille returned to the top of the table yesterday after struggling to overcome the determined resistance of bottom club Brest, reduced to 10 men in the second half.

Marseille did all the attacking at their Stade Velodrome but finally settled for a 75th minute goal from substitute Abdoulaye Diallo for a 1-0 win over Brest whose Senegalese defender Racine Kane had been sent off eight minutes earlier.

The Mediterranean club replaced Bordeaux as League leaders after the south-western side were held 1-1 by Paris St Germain thanks to a late penalty for the home team.

Bordeaux seemed to be heading for an excellent victory over third-placed PSG when West German Klaus Allofs scored in the 59th minute for the dominant visitors.

But Argentine international Gabriel Calderon equalised from the spot three minutes from time after veteran Yugoslav midfielder Safet Susic was pulled down.

Both leading clubs have 18 points but Marseille have a superior goal difference and a game in hand.

Sochaux, who recorded a 4-2 win in Nice, moved up to third place above PSG on goal difference, two points behind the top two.

Big-spending Marseille's 100 per cent home record seemed in danger for a long time against a Brest side who had not taken a point or scored a goal in their previous six away games this season.

Midfielder Franck Sauzet hit the post and forwards Jean-Pierre Papin, Enzo Francescoli and Chris Waddle all went close before Senegalese striker Diallo finally nodded home a Waddle corner.

Brest's keeper Claude Barrable had defied the Marseille attack with a string of superb saves.

Nice, for whom Luxembourg striker Robby Langers notched his 10th goal to join Papin as League top scorer, suffered their first home defeat of the season against the on-form Sochaux side for whom Algerian forward Cherif Oudjani and Yugoslav sweeper Faruk Hadzibegovic were on target.

Results

PSG	1	Bordeaux	1
Marseille	1	Brest	0
Nice	2	Sochaux	4
Toulouse	2	Lille	1
Auxerre	0	Monaco	0
Nantes	2	St Etienne	0
Lyon	2	Cann	0
Metz	0	Toulon	1
Montpellier	2	Racing P	1
Milhouse	1	Cannes	0

# World Cup striker repays Robson's faith in him

## Lineker returns to form in style

LONDON, Oct 1, (Reuters): England's premier World Cup striker Gary Lineker made Bobby Robson and Terry Venables two of the most delighted soccer managers in the country with a timely and dazzling hat-trick yesterday.

Lineker's goals fired Tottenham to a 3-2 First Division home win against Queen's Park Rangers, underlining national manager Robson's faith in him and winning the acclaim of his club boss Venables, who signed him from Barcelona last June.

The triple strike ended Lineker's struggle for goals since his \$2.3 million move from the Spanish First Division giants to Tottenham, for whom he had scored only once in his previous six League games.

Despite such poor form, Robson recently gave Lineker a public vote of confidence, saying he was nearly always able to score for his country even though he was not producing goals at club level. His hat-trick must further hearten the England chief ahead of his team's final World Cup qualifying match in Poland on Oct 11.

With Tottenham making a wretched start to the season, goals by Lineker were even more pressing for Venables, whose side were next to bottom of the 20-team Division before yesterday's games.

Lineker, top scorer with six goals in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, had hinted at improved fortunes with his first strike for Tottenham the previous weekend, and returned to his devastating best to destroy London rivals Rangers.

"Gary was terrific," enthused Venables after his star signing had hit an 87th-minute winner to complete his hat-trick. "In the first half he looked as good as ever."

Rangers' player-manager Trevor Francis, the former England forward, said: "Gary Lineker was the difference between the two sides. He was too good for (defender) Paul Parker."

"Gary got a lift scoring last week and like all goalkeepers, once you've scored you can't wait for the next game. I was worried before the game that it was as he was going to be up against today."

Lineker produced the outstanding individual performance on a day when four First Division clubs — Chelsea, Millwall, Arsenal and Everton — failed to score the chance to take over as leaders from Liverpool, whose scheduled match with Manchester United was put back until later in the year to be televised live.

Chelsea fought an uncompromising goalless home draw with champions Arsenal, while Millwall slumped 1-0 at home to Norwich and Everton suffered a surprise 2-1 defeat at Crystal Palace, who were overwhelmed 9-0 by Liverpool recently.

Palace's success was their most impressive since being promoted to Division One this season, but manager Steve Coppell said his players were still not satisfied.

"It is a game we won, but the players at the moment haven't really got a lot of satisfaction from it because of the way we were just hanging on at the end," said former England and Manchester United forward Coppell.

Nevertheless Coppell said ninth-placed Palace were gaining confidence, and added: "I am lucky in that the players I have got can be knocked down and will bounce back again."

Scottish Premier League Celtic, who beat Yugoslavs Partizan Belgrade 5-4 in midweek but went out of the European Cup Winners' Cup on the away goals rule, recovered their nerve to hold leaders Aberdeen to a 1-1 draw.

Standings

English League

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	7	4	3	0	19	3	15
Chelsea	8	4	3	1	13	7	15
Arsenal	7	4	2	1	11	5	14
Norwich	8	3	2	1	12	7	14
Millwall	8	4	2	2	14	12	14
Everton	8	4	1	3	12	11	13
Coventry	8	4	1	3	7	8	13
Southampton	8	3	2	3	13	14	13
Crystal P	8	3	2	3	7	15	11
Manchester C	8	3	1	4	13	11	10
QPR	8	2	3	3	8	7	9
Notts Forest	8	2	3	3	9	9	9
Aston Villa	8	2	3	3	8	9	9
Luton	8	2	3	3	6	7	9
Wimbledon	8	1	3	2	7	9	8
Derby	8	2	2	3	4	8	8
Tottenham	7	2	2	3	10	14	8
Manchester U	7	2	1	4	13	15	7

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U	9	5	4	0	18	9	19
Blackburn	9	4	5	0	17	8	17
Newcastle	9	4	2	2	17	11	17
Sheff Wed	9	4	4	1	16	10	16
Leeds	9	4	4	1	14	10	16
Brighton	9	4	2	4	12	12	15
West Ham	9	4	2	4	12	11	15
Oldham	9	4	2	3	13	12	14
Bournemouth	9	4	2	3	16	14	14
Walsley	9	4	2	3	9	10	14
Plymouth	9	4	1	4	13	12	13
Wolves	9	3	3	3	17	15	12
West Brom	9	3	3	3	15	16	12
Barnley	9	3	3	3	15	12	12
Middlesbrough	9	3	2	4	14	15	11
Ipwich	9	2	4	3	14	15	10
Swindon	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
Oxford	9	2	2	4	13	19	9
Bradford	9	1	5	3	9	12	8
Port Vale	9	1	5	3	6	9	8
Stoke	9	1	5	3	6	11	7
Preston	9	1	5	3	6	15	6
Sheff Wed	9	0	5	4	10	13	5
Leicester	9	1	2	6	8	16	5

Scottish League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	7	4	2	1	7	3	10
Hibernian	7	3	2	2	9	5	8
Motherwell	7	2	4	1	8	7	8
Celtic	7	2	4	1	8	7	8
Hearts	7	3	2	2	10	9	8
Rangers	7	2	3	2	6	7	7
Dundee U	7	1	4	2	9	11	6
Dunfermline	7	1	3	3	9	13	5
Dundee	7	1	3	3	9	13	5
St Mirren	7	2	1	4	5	10	5



# Al Malab overcome Al Kuwait for trophy

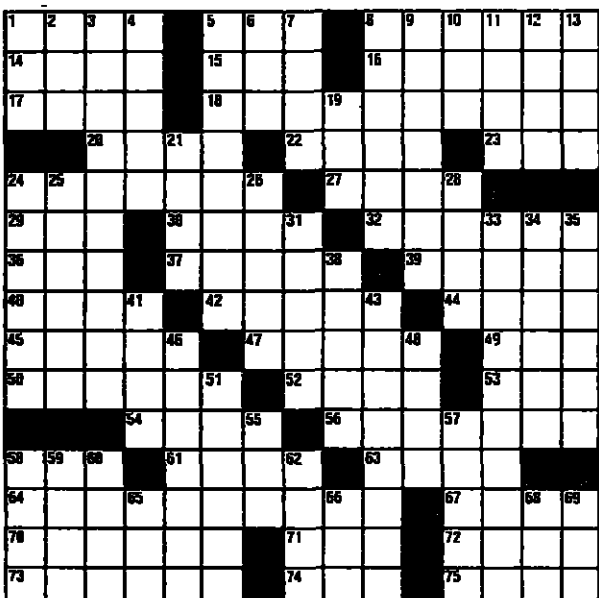
AL MALAB of Tunisia won the first Arab Cup Winners Championship after beating Al Kuwait Club of Kuwait 6-5 in a penalty shoot-out after both the normal and extra time failed to produce any goals.

Each team had scored 4 goals out of the first five penalties. Al Kuwait goalkeeper Ahmad Al Amir provided his club with an opportunity to clinch the title when he stopped a penalty and the score was 3-2 for Al Kuwait. However Salah Al Hasawi, top striker of Al Kuwait club and Kuwait national team, missed his kick.

The two clubs went on to hit one penalty kick each to decide the fate of the match and Jamal Deyab of Al Kuwait missed his kick while Tunisian player Balakhdar successfully converted his shot.

In an earlier match, Al Rasheed of Iraq took the third position after beating Hilal of Sudan 3-2. Laith Hussain of Al Rasheed took the top scorer award. Ahmad Al Amir of Al Kuwait got the best goalkeeper award. Al Hashemi of Al Malab was named the best player of the tournament and Al Rasheed defender, Karim Alawi won the best "clean play" award.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Yesterday's roast today
  - 5 So-so grade
  - 8 Monticello, for one
  - 14 Canal of song
  - 15 Dead
  - 16 Early harpsichord
  - 17 Nothing in Cadiz
  - 18 Quality checker at the Mint?
  - 20 Lab heater
  - 22 Cornucopia
  - 23 Peer Gynt's mother
  - 24 TV star Bob
  - 27 Social reformer Jacob
  - 29 "The Greatest"
  - 30 Seas, in Paris
  - 32 Doctrines
  - 36 Barrie's Peter
  - 37 Short jackets
  - 39 Embankment
  - 40 Italian beach resort
  - 42 Young oysters
  - 44 Noted western lawman
  - 45 Fox
  - 47 Parts of QEDs
  - 49 Favorite
  - 50 Seraglio
  - 52 Green land
  - 53 Explorer Johnson
  - 54 Network
  - 56 Roman —
  - 58 ABA member
  - 61 Spring
  - 63 — monster
  - 64 Wandering
  - 67 King of the Huns
  - 70 Inactive
  - 71 Sal of song
  - 72 River duck
  - 73 Chargers
- DOWN
- 1 Coop dweller
  - 2 Parsagian
  - 3 Small rattlesnake
  - 4 Moor
  - 5 Nightclubs
  - 6 Old French coin
  - 7 Engrave
  - 8 — de corps
  - 9 Long-eared dog
  - 10 — the season...
  - 11 Handle
  - 12 River of N England
  - 13 To be, in Caen
  - 21 Apartment
  - 24 Port of S Italy
  - 25 Hollywood's
  - 26 Figure of speech
  - 28 Snick's companion
  - 31 Trap
  - 33 Diminishes quickly
  - 34 Nicholas — Mother —
  - 35 Of a membrane
  - 38 Blot
  - 41 Actor Sharif
  - 43 Contest
  - 46 Capitalized
  - 48 Large hauler, for short
  - 51 Makes tea
  - 55 Musician's must
  - 57 Fill with pride
  - 58 Amo, —, amat
  - 59 Try out
  - 60 Story
  - 62 Sty dwellers
  - 65 Wedding
  - 66 A Turner
  - 68 — Vegas
  - 69 Martini, for one
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:
- PAGAN LETO JABS  
ELIDE AMID OGGIE  
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WATCH YOUR STEP!

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ Q J 7  
♥ 6 2  
♦ A Q J 10 7 6  
♣ 5 3

WEST

♠ 9 8 6 3  
♥ Q 10 5  
♦ 4 2  
♣ 9 7 6 2

EAST

♠ K 10 4  
♥ J 9 8 4  
♦ K 5 3  
♣ Q J 10

SOUTH

♠ A 5 2  
♥ A K 7 3  
♦ 9 8  
♣ A K 8 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

There is a disease that strikes most bridge players at regular intervals. It is an affliction of flying fingers. Instead of thinking about a play, reflex takes over and a card hits the table in no time flat. This malady is usually followed by a severe case of contrition.

Although North-South were using a 16-18 point no trump range, South judged the hand to be stronger than its count because of the

plethora of aces and kings, so he opened one club and then jumped to two no trump. North did not think the hand would stretch to slam, and settled for the no-trump game. Little did he realize even that might be too high!

Declarer covered West's lead of the nine of spades with the jack, and East started a fine defense by withholding the king. After crossing to the king of clubs, declarer ran the nine of diamonds. East continued the good work by holding up the king of diamonds. When declarer repeated the finesse, East won and reverted to a club. Declarer found he had no way to reach all those good diamonds in dummy, and ended up down two tricks.

The contract was lost by hasty play to the first trick. Observe the difference if declarer simply plays low from dummy and wins in hand with the ace. Now, holding up the king of diamonds won't help. Declarer can force an entry to dummy by leading to the table's queen-jack of spades. As a result, the defenders collect only one spade and one diamond, and declarer romps home with two overtricks. Making the right play at trick one swings four tricks!

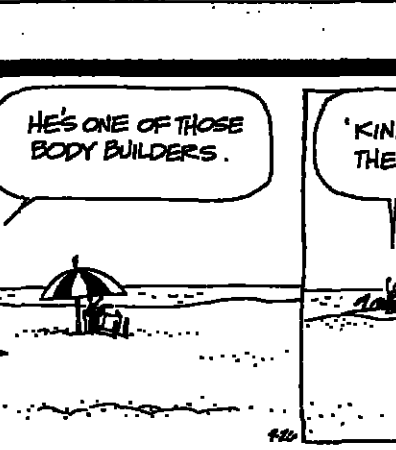
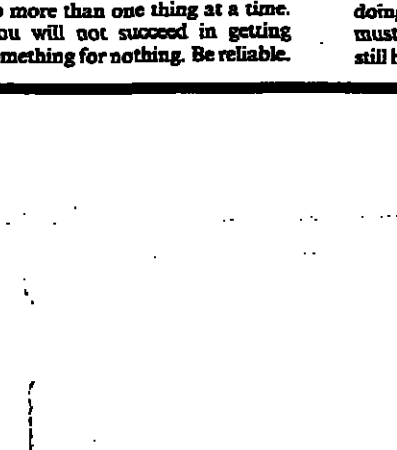
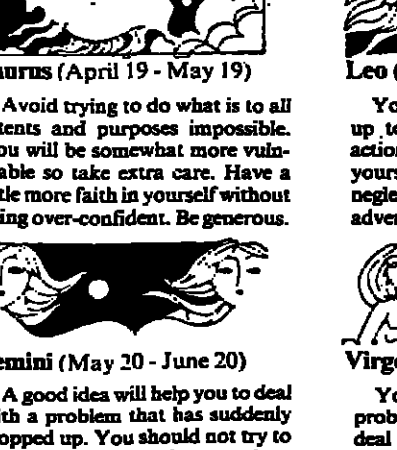
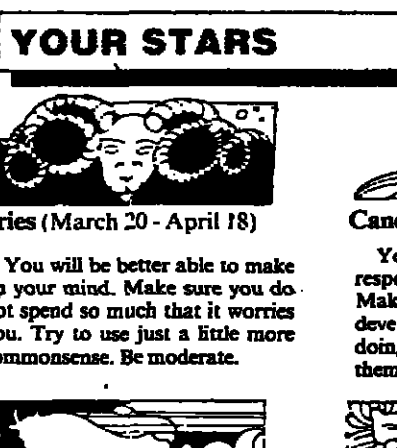
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A good idea will help you to deal with a problem that has suddenly cropped up. You should not try to do more than one thing at a time. You will not succeed in getting something for nothing. Be reliable.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



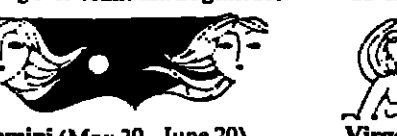
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be better able to make up your mind. Make sure you do not spend so much that it worries you. Try to use just a little more commonsense. Be moderate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Avoid trying to do what is all yours and purposes impossible. You will be somewhat more vulnerable so take extra care. Have a little more faith in yourself without being over-confident. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should be prepared to face up to the consequences of your actions. Do not expect others to put yours before their interests. Do not neglect a small infection. Be more adventurous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

A good idea will help you to deal with a problem that has suddenly cropped up. You should not try to do more than one thing at a time. You will not succeed in getting something for nothing. Be reliable.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not try to avoid the responsibility for your actions. Make sure you do not ignore a new development. Do not rely on others doing exactly what you would wish them to do. Be polite.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be in good form but too inclined to act on the spur of the moment. You will see more clearly what is ahead of you. You should restrain a tendency to overreact. Be tolerant.



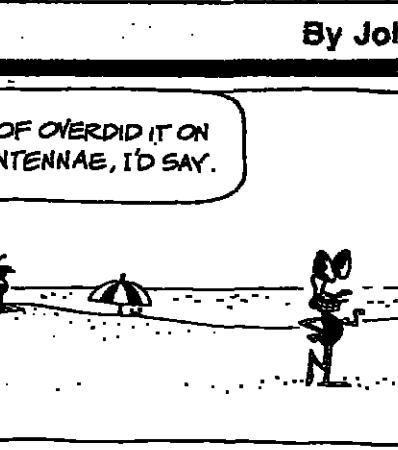
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 35. You will have to make several attempts before you hit upon the right solution. Do not seek to rest on your laurels. Be observant.



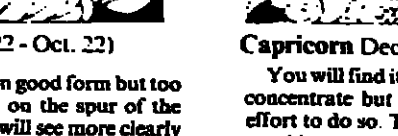
Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be better able to husband your resources. Make sure you do not get into a mess — if you do it will slow down everything. Do not permit yourself to be distracted. Be sincere.



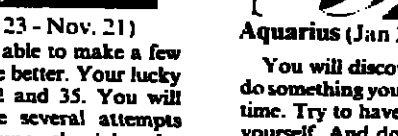
Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will find it rather difficult to concentrate but must make every effort to do so. Try to avoid doing anything you are not quite sure about. If others do not treat you fairly try to take it in your stride. Be sensible.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will discover how better to do something you have to do all the time. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. And do not regret what might have been — too late for that. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be able to persuade another person to your point of view. You will also win an argument but do not gloat upon it. Make sure you get enough rest and violent exercise. Be considerate.

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SPORTS

# Shammal finishes in second place

## Red Viking sails to victory

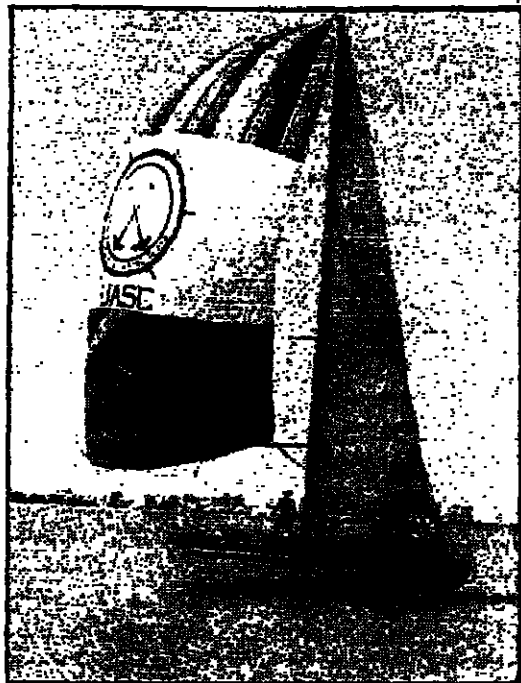
RED VIKING in her first race of 1989, put together the right combination of tactics and crew skill to comprehensively beat all opposition and win the 1989 UASC Maritime Race on Friday. She claimed line honours and first position on corrected time.

The race was sailed in near perfect conditions. Steady 6-10 knot northerly winds and calm seas gave all yachts the chance to perform well. The course was set as an eight-leg triangle-sausage-triangle with a specified three-hour time limit.

A fleet of nine boats went out in front of the Shaab Marina to begin pre-start manoeuvres. The race started at 10.00 am; Shammal got herself into an excellent position and crossed the line beating towards the windward mark with high boat speed. Red Viking and Good Kompany were in close pursuit.

The majority of the fleet preferred to move offshore on a port tack. Red Viking and Shammal chose to take an inshore line and were rewarded by closing on the mark first. Danat made up good time to just nudge out Shammal at the mark. Viking, under Skipper John Waters, established a big lead and raced to the windward spinnaker.

With Viking powering towards ODM (start line) the battle for second was close as Shammal, Gambit and Danat



Red Viking (left) and Danat fly their spinnakers. (Photos by Ahmed Barouni).

rounded wing together. The former two boats gybed their spinnakers and sailed off down the shy reach leg.

Why Not overtook Good Kompany on the second leg and round wing just in front. Both these boats were sailing good races, being in close quarters to their bigger sisters. Magic Flute and Whispering were battling it out at the rear of the field.

Unfortunately, Red Viking misinterpreted the pre-race briefing and sailed the fourth leg toward the wind mark instead of the windward mark. The fight for first place was now between Gambit and Danat which rounded the wind-mark first and headed back to ODM. Viking staged an excellent recovery and rounded third. This leg was another spinnaker run; Gambit rounded first

then Danat and Red Viking.

The race was now down to the final triangle — Viking tacked towards the windward mark on her preferred inshore line. Gambit and Danat went offshore only to find Viking's tactics once again triumphed. Incredibly, she rounded the mark about 2 minutes in front of Gambit. Shammal was closing on Danat and Why Not and Good Kompany

continued their fight for supremacy a few minutes further back.

Red Viking rounded wing with a big lead and decided to sail the final leg under Genoa. Gambit gybed her spinnaker and made a final effort for line honours. She managed to almost draw level with Viking but in the end failed by 44 seconds as Viking crossed the line victorious, knowing she had completely outclassed the opposition.

About a minute further back, Shammal and Danat fought a brilliant duel for third place; Shammal under spinnaker just managed to sail sufficiently high to slide over the line with Danat's bow threatening her transom. Fourth to cross the line about five minutes later was Why Not. Good Kompany finished two minutes further afield.

The corrected time results after factoring in the handicap numbers were as follows: 1. Red Viking 2. Shammal. 3. Why Not 4. Gambit 5. Good Kompany

Kosa officials yesterday thanked the UASC for sponsoring its 1989 Maritime Race and for generally supporting the sport of sailing in Kuwait.

Next week is a lay day as far as racing is concerned but the majority of the Kosa fleet are intending to sail to Messilah where it will anchor offshore to picnic and enjoy the Windsurfing Regatta.



Shammal on her way to second place.

## Cobb takes Tennessee to victory over Auburn

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (AP) — One year ago, Reggie Cobb had the worst day of his college rushing career against Auburn. Yesterday, he had his best, leading 12th-ranked Tennessee to a 21-14 victory over the fourth-ranked Tigers.

Cobb, held to 12 yards rushing in a loss to Auburn last year, ran for a career-high 225 yards, including a 79-yard touchdown run. He is the first back to hit the 100-yard mark against Auburn in 25 regular season games.

"I don't think people are yet giving us credit for being a good team," Cobb said, "but each game we should be convincing them."

No. 9 West Virginia 31, No. 10 Pittsburgh 31

Pittsburgh's Ed Frazier kicked a 42-yard field goal as time expired to cap a 22-point comeback in the last 9:09.

No. 11 Southern Cal 18, No. 19 Washington St. 17

Freshman Todd Marinovich passed to Gary Wellman for a 2-point conversion with four seconds left, lifting Southern Cal over Washington State in the Pacific-10. The visiting Trojans (3-1) mounted an 18-play, 91-yard scoring drive in the last 3:31, capped by Marinovich's 2-yard touchdown pass to tailback Ricky Ervins.

No. 13 Alabama 20, Vanderbilt 14

Cornerback John Mangum halted a Vanderbilt rally with an interception at the 16-yard line, and the Crimson Tide held off the Commodores in the Southeastern Conference. Alabama (3-0) led 20-0 before Vanderbilt began its comeback.

No. 14 Houston 85, Temple 7

Houston quarterback Andre Ware, directing college football's highest scoring offense, threw yesterday for a Southwest Conference record seven touchdowns — three to Emmanuel Hazard.

### Results

1. Notre Dame (4-0) beat Purdue 40-7, next: Oct 7 at Stanford; 2. Miami, Florida, (4-0) beat Michigan State 28-20, next: Oct 7 vs Cincinnati; 3. Nebraska (4-0) beat Oregon State 35-7, next: Oct 7 vs Cincinnati; 4. Nebraska (4-0) beat Oregon State 35-7, next: Oct 7 vs Kansas State; 5. Auburn (2-1) lost to No. 12 Tennessee 21-14, next: Oct 7 at Kentucky; 6. Colorado (4-0) beat No. 21 Washington 45-28, next: Oct 7 vs Missouri; 7. Michigan (2-1) beat Maryland 48-21, next: Oct 7 vs Wisconsin; 8. Georgia (4-1) lost to Duke 21-17, next: Oct 7 vs Virginia; 9. Arkansas (2-0) beat Texas Christian 9, West Virginia (4-0) vs No. 10 Pitt; 10. Brigham Young (4-0) at No. 9 West Virginia; 11. Southern California (3-1) beat No. 19 Washington State 18-17, next: Oct 7 vs No. 23 Washington; 12. Tennessee (4-0) beat No. 4 Auburn 21-14, next: Oct 7 vs Georgia; 13. Texas (4-0) beat Vanderbilt 20-14, next: Oct 7 at Mississippi; 14. Houston (2-0) vs Temple, next: Oct 7 at Baylor; 15. North Carolina State (4-0) beat Kent State, next: Oct 7 vs Kansas; 16. Oklahoma (4-0) beat Kansas 47-8, next: Oct 7 at Oklahoma State; 17. Arizona (3-1) at Oregon, next: Oct 14 vs UCLA; 18. Syracuse (2-1) did not play, next: Oct 7 vs No. 25 Florida State; 19. Washington State (4-0) lost to No. 11 Southern California 18-17, next: Oct 7 at Oregon; 20. Illinois (3-1) did not play, next: Oct 7 at Ohio State; 21. Washington (3-2) lost to No. 5 Colorado 45-28, next: Oct 11 at Southern California; 22. Texas A&M (4-0) at Southern Mississippi, next: Oct 7 at Texas Tech; 23. Georgia (4-1) lost to South Carolina 24-20, next: Oct 7 at No. 12 Tennessee; 24. Air Force (5-0) at No. 11 Southern California; 25. Florida State (2-2) at Navy; 26. Florida State (2-2) did not play, next: Oct 7 at No. 18 Syracuse.

## Kasparov equals Fischer's record

TILBURG, Netherland, Oct. 1. (AP) — World champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union equalled the rating record of his US predecessor Bobby Fischer when he defeated Icelandic grandmaster Johann Hjartarson in the penultimate round of the 13th annual Interpolis Chess Tournament yesterday.

The victory, in 31 moves with the black pieces, boosted Kasparov's score to 11 points for an unbeaten tournament performance of nine wins and four draws so far.

The magnificent result in the exceptionally Interpolis event means that the world champion, now rated at 2775 ELO-points on the international ranking list of the World Chess Federation (Fide), has bridged the ten-point gap separating him from the all-time high of 2785 ELO-points with which Fischer went into his famous Reykjavik title match against then world champion Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in 1972.

With one more round to go in the Tilburg chess spectacular, Kasparov is certain to break Fischer's record, provided of course, that he does not lose precious rating points in another tournament between now and January 1, 1990, when the new Fide ranking list will be published.

The world champion himself felt there was little doubt he would manage to finish the Tilburg event with yet another victory to set a new rating mark of 2795 ELO-points.

In tomorrow's final round he will be pitted with white against Simen Agdestein, the 22-year-old Norwegian grandmaster who combines chess with a career as a soccer player, and who has qualified for his country's national soccer squad eight times.

"You can chalk that one up as a win," said Kasparov confidently. "I never lose against amateurs."

Experts were less certain, as

the 13th-round victory that brought the world champion alongside Fischer left much to be desired from a technical point of view.



Garry Kasparov

Hjartarson had the better play from the opening, a king's Indian, and might have come away with a draw after he wasted his initial advantage halfway through the middlegame.

But after Kasparov turned down an offer to sign the peace, Hjartarson lost his nerve, committed a serious blunder at his 24th and was forced to surrender nine moves later in a hopeless position.

Dutch grandmaster Genna Sosonko called it "the worst game of the tournament so far" and said Agdestein "might prove a tougher nut to crack than the world champion is expecting."

That may be true, but Agdestein's performance in yesterday's round was not one of his best either.

Playing white in a nimzo-indian against Holland's Jeroen Piket, the Norwegian missed several opportunities to gain the upper hand and then ended up in a lost position when he fumbled twice in time trouble.

## Belgian wins

KILKENNY, Ireland, Oct. 1. (AP) — Belgian cyclist Eric Vanderaerden sprinted to his third successive stage victory yesterday and increased his overall lead to 16 seconds in the Tour of Ireland.

Vanderaerden, a member of the Panasonic team, finished the 193-kilometre (120-mile) fourth stage from Cork to Kilkenny in 4 hours, 55 minutes, 1 second to edge compatriot Johan Museeuw. Another Belgian, Etienne de Wilde, finished third, and Ireland's Sean Kelly was fourth.

## Flo-Jo's manager slams press report

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (AP) — The business adviser for Florence Griffith Joyner questioned yesterday how the Germans could know that the thigh muscles of the triple Olympic gold medalist had expanded two inches (5 centimetres) in one year, as suggested in the magazine Stern.

"Since when have the East Germans ever been close enough to Flo-Jo to measure her thighs?" Gordon Baskin said in a telephone interview.

Baskin said that Griffith Joyner's husband, Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple jump gold medalist, "has photographs of Florence when she was in full stride (in the 1984 Olympics, when she won the silver medal in the 200-metre dash) and published photos of her when she was in full stride in 1988."

hairdo, which is different," Baskin said. "Her legs and body are virtually the same."

On Thursday, Stern, a West German magazine, said that an East German report on the 1988 Seoul Olympics alleged there was evidence that Griffith Joyner used performance-enhancing drugs.

A week earlier, Stern published allegations by Dattell Robinson, the 1986 US champion at 400 metres, that he purchased growth hormones from Griffith Joyner.

Griffith Joyner, winner of 1988 Olympic golds in the 100-metre and 200-metre dashes and the 400-metre relay, denied Robinson's allegations and called him "a compulsive liar."

"Stern is now running to hide behind the East Germans with secret reports," Baskin said.

## 1992 Olympics could be in jeopardy

## Separatists toughen stance ahead of Games

BARCELONA, Spain, Oct. 1. (Reuters) — "Freedom for Catalonia," read the banner, in English, unfurled by young Catalan separatists at the start of last month's athletics World Cup in Barcelona's spanking new Olympic stadium.

Adding insult to injury on a day which was something of a trial run for the opening of the 1992 Olympic Games, they whistled in protest at guest of honour King Juan Carlos.

A few days later, two civil guardsmen were injured in a bomb attack by the small separatist group Terra Lliure.

Rumblings of separatism in Catalonia?

Spain's highly prosperous northeastern region has its own language, culture and customs — and limited autonomy from Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's socialist central government.

"At least no-one is looking for independence," Socialist leader Ramon Obiols told Reuters. "There is a little violence but I don't think I'm minimising the problem if I say I don't think things are going in that direction."

As happened in the Basque country, Catalan nationalism fell victim to centralism during Francisco Franco's 40-year dictatorship.

In 1979, four years after Franco's death, the region was granted local government. Catalonia recovered its national identity, in



Samaranth: worried politics getting in way of organisation

particular the hitherto repressed Catalan language, and the renaissance — combined with legendary Catalan pragmatism — seemed to prevent the rise of a violent separatism like that of the Basque country.

While nationalism is a key issue in Catalan politics, few politicians and observers see separatism as a force which could either jeopardise the Olympics or in the long-term threaten the region's political or economic stability.

But the recent spate of separatist activities provided a new battleground in the continuous war of words between the con-

servative nationalists who run the regional government, or Generalitat, and the Socialists in Barcelona's city hall.

Barcelona Mayor Pasqual Maragall, a socialist, is at loggerheads with Generalitat President Jordi Pujol and his centre-right coalition Convergencia i Unio (CIU) over Olympic preparations.

So much so that International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch, worried politics were getting in the way of organisation, has urged the two sides "to drop rancour and join forces to work for Barcelona '92."

The threat of separatism ensured nationalism would be a leading campaign issue for the October 29 general elections.

Maragall said Pujol's continuous gripes against the central government were in danger of turning a healthy sense of identity among Catalans into demands for independence.

Rubbish, said the CIU, Catalonia is just demanding its due.

Pujol, who has headed the Generalitat for the past nine years, calls Catalonia a country of six million, turns all issues into Catalan issues and makes constant demands for more autonomy and more money from Madrid.

He complains there is a "ceiling on self-government," that Madrid has failed to develop a statute of autonomy which was agreed merely as a starting point and has not provided the money Catalonia deserves as the country's richest region.

The Socialists reply that while the Generalitat grumbles, it sometimes spends money on unnecessary items.

At present, Pujol's line seems to absorb nationalist feeling and grass-roots support for separatism is minimal.

Industrialised early and a leading beneficiary of Spain's 1960 tourist boom, Catalonia has six per cent of Spain's land area and 15 per cent of its population but

contributes more than 20 per cent of the country's industrial product.

Terra Lliure (Free Land) has carried out more than 100 small bomb attacks in the last five years but not normally targeted people. An elderly woman was killed by mistake in 1987.

But last week the group pledged to campaign up to the Olympics, which they see as an imposition of the Spanish state on Catalonia, and also seemed to toughen their stance.

"Terra Lliure will attack any Olympic target," said Jordi Cort, a member of Terra Lliure serving an open prison sentence in connection with the group's activities.

Cort told the Spanish magazine Cambio 16 he believed the attack on the civil guardsmen was "ideal," adding at least one of the guardsmen should have died.

Crida a La Solidaritat, a non-violent separatist group, said it would step up activities in the run-up to 1992.

But a spokesman for the Madrid government in Barcelona said Terra Lliure has only four or five active members, with 12 in prison, and as such cannot be seen as a serious threat to the Olympics.

They tended to use bombs "any chemistry student could put together," and their tactics were scored as amateur by the Basque separatist group ETA.

## Navratilova outclasses Nagelsen

HAVERFORD, Pennsylvania, Oct. 1. (AP) — Martina Navratilova defeated Betsy Nagelsen 6-2, 7-5 yesterday to win her third straight Kiss 100 Invitational.

Nagelsen, who lost to Navratilova in last year's final, defeated Chris Evert in the semifinals Friday night.

"I've learned this year not to look ahead, not to anticipate playing someone, and then having to play someone else," Navratilova said of the spoiled plans for a match with Evert. "Obviously playing Chris it would be easier to get up for."

After three consecutive service breaks to start the match, Navratilova never again allowed Nagelsen a break point.

In the second set, Nagelsen held serve until the 11th game, when Navratilova took command with a backhand passing shot, followed by a strong return which forced an error.

## Jarryd and Gilbert fight back for wins

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1. (Reuters) — Third seeded Brad Gilbert of the United States and unseeded Anders Jarryd of Sweden both came from behind yesterday to reach the singles final of the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tournament.

Gilbert beat unseeded New Zealander Kelly Evernden, conqueror of second seed Michael Chang on Friday, 4-6 6-1 7-6 and Jarryd upset fifth seeded American Kevin Curren, 3-6 7-6 7-5 to reach today's final.

Gilbert will be making his seventh appearance in a final this year. He has won four titles in 1989, including three in a row in August, a feat which has propelled him to a career high ranking of sixth in the world.

Gilbert and Evernden stayed even in the first set until 4-4 when Gilbert played a loose service game as the New Zealander used his fierce groundstrokes to match the break. At 5-4, Evernden served out the first set, winning it 6-4 with an overhead smash. Gilbert took the early break to lead 2-0 in the second set as the New Zealander began to crumble, later showing signs of nausea.

After dropping the set 6-1, Evernden left the court. "I threw up," he explained later, attributing the problem to a Turkey sandwich. It took Evernden just a couple of games to recover in the third set and he matched Gilbert's serve and volley attack with booming passing shots, particularly off the backhand side, his strongest stroke.

At 5-4, Evernden came close to breaking Gilbert, reaching deuce on the American's serve. But again, Gilbert was rescued from danger by his big first serve and both players held serve until 6-6 and the tiebreak.

Breaks were exchanged early in the tiebreak but Gilbert's competitive spirit prevailed as he forged ahead 5-2 after breaking Evernden for a 3-1 lead with a backhand pass. At 6-2, Gilbert broke Evernden again, taking the match with a forehand cross-court winner.

"I won the match early in the second set when I adjusted my game a bit," Gilbert said. "I decided I needed to get in sooner."

Gilbert said his serve was also important at the crucial moments. "I

had a lot of good serves on the big points," Gilbert said.

"Evernden said his sickness was not a factor later in the match, attributing Gilbert's victory to his serve." He served big the whole match," Evernden said. "Every time he got to deuce, he just banged in a big serve."

Jarryd also played with confidence to upset Curren in two hours and 37 minutes. Jarryd twice allowed leads to slip away before clinching the match.

The Swede, who is struggling to regain the singles form that took him to as high as fifth in the world in 1985 after a semifinal finish at Wimbledon, began shakily, dropping serve in the first game of the match.



Jarryd beat Curren

## Federation Cup starts

TOKYO, Oct. 1. (AP) — Eight women's tennis teams — Poland, Indonesia, Yugoslavia, South Korea, Mexico, Thailand and the Philippines — won preliminary round matches today and advanced into the first round of the Federation Cup.

The first round starts tomorrow on the hard courts of the Ariake Coliseum. A field of 40 nations, including those eliminated today, was competing for the championship in the women's version of the Davis Cup.

Indonesia won two singles and one double for a 3-0 victory over Malaysia. Other 3-0 winners were Yugoslavia over Jamaica, Poland over Singapore and South Korea over Israel.

In matches decided 2-1, Mexico beat Taiwan, winning two singles and losing the doubles; China beat Luxembourg, winning one singles and the doubles; the Philippines beat Ireland, winning two singles, and Thailand beat Malta, winning one singles and the doubles.

In tomorrow's first round matches, second-seeded Spain meets France, the sixth-seeded Soviet Union faces Switzerland, Italy plays New Zealand, Bulgaria takes on South Korea, Canada meets Brazil, Australia plays China, Argentina plays the Philippines and the Netherlands meets Yugoslavia.

First round matches start Tuesday for the top-seeded United States, led by Martina Navratilova, ranked No. 2 in the world, defending champion Czechoslovakia, and West Germany, headed by Steffi Graf, No. 1 in the world. The Americans, also including Chris Evert, Zina Garrison and Pam Shriver, face Greece in the first round.

Czechoslovakia plays Belgium and West Germany meets Finland.



## SPORTS

## Blue Jays win American League East title

TORONTO, Oct. 1, (Reuters): The Toronto Blue Jays came back from a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the eighth inning to beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3 and win Major League Baseball's American League East division yesterday.

Toronto, which also won the division in 1985, scored their last three runs on singles by ex-New York met Mookie Wilson and Fred McGriff and a sacrifice fly by George Bell, his 104th run batted in this year. Bell also drove in a run in the

first inning. Baltimore, which finished last in the division last year, took a 3-1 lead with two runs in the third inning on a double by Cal Ripken and a single by Randy Milligan. The Orioles added another run in the fourth inning.

Pitcher Dave Johnson allowed the Jays only two hits through seven innings yesterday. But when he fell behind in the count to Nelson Liriano in the eighth inning, Baltimore manager Frank Robinson replaced him with Kevin

Hickey, who walked Liriano and then walked Manny Lee. Hickey was replaced by Mark Williamson who surrendered the tying and winning runs. Williamson, now 10-5 for the season, was the loser.

Results  
National League  
Houston Astros 9 Cincinnati Reds 2  
Chicago Cubs 6 St. Louis Cardinals 4  
Philadelphia Phillies 6 Montreal Expos 3

New York Mets 7 Pittsburgh Pirates 2  
San Diego Padres 11 San Francisco Giants 5  
1-Los Angeles Dodgers pfd  
2-Los Angeles Dodgers pfd  
American League  
Milwaukee Brewers 3 Boston Red Sox 1  
Toronto Blue Jays 4 Baltimore Orioles 1  
Kansas City Royals 6 Oakland Athletics 2  
Chicago White Sox 8 Cleveland Indians 2  
New York Yankees 9 Detroit Tigers 2  
Texas Rangers 2 California Angels 1  
Seattle Mariners 2 Minnesota Twins 1

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Grand Prix

BORDEAUX, France, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Result of the final of the \$255,000 Bordeaux Men's Tennis Grand Prix (prefix number denotes seeding): 1-Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) beat 2-Emilio Sanchez (Spain) 6-2, 6-2.

## Sicilian tennis

PALERMO, Sicily, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Seventh seed Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina won the \$250,000 Sicilian International men's Grand Prix tennis tournament today beating fourth seed Paolo Cane of Italy 6-4 in the final.

## Tallahassee golf

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Oct. 1, (Reuters): Bill Britton shot a nine-under-par 63 for a three-round total of 200 to grab a four-shot lead after the third round of the \$750,000 Tallahassee Classic golf tournament yesterday.

## US triumph

AMPURIA BRAVA, Spain, Oct. 1, (AP): The United States fought off strong challenge from the Soviet Union yesterday to retain the title in the eight-year free fall sequential category at the eighth World Parachute Relative Work Championships.

## Volleyball title

CURITIBA, Brazil, Oct. 1, (AP): Brazil rallied to win the gold medal at the South American Volleyball Championships. The marathon match finally ended three hours after it began with Brazil coming out ahead, 15-11, 12-15, 13-15, 15-13 and 15-10.

## Woodbridge wins

BRISBANE, Australia, Oct. 1, (AP): Australian Todd Woodbridge, a junior Wimbledon finalist this year, defeated American Scott Warner 7-6, 6-3 today in the final of a warmup tennis tournament for next week's \$180,000 Queensland Open.

## Cycle race

BOLOGNA, Italy, Oct. 1, (UPI): Dimitri Konichev demonstrated the steady progress of Soviet cyclists in Italy yesterday by winning the 72nd Tour of Emilia cycle race, a one-day "autumn classic" staged over 231 kilometres through the Appennine mountains.

## 40 arrested

BLACKPOOL, England, Oct. 1, (AP): Police arrested 40 soccer fans who harassed residents and vandalised two pubs yesterday in this resort town along the Irish Sea on the western coast of England, officials said. The arrests came mostly before an English Soccer League game between Blackpool and Birmingham.

## Italian soccer

ROME, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Soccer matches today:

Results of Italian First Division	
Atlanta	2 Cesena 0
Bari	2 Ascoli 2
Bologna	1 Cremonese 1
Florentina	1 Udinese 7
Genoa	1 Sampdoria 2
Verona	0 Lecce 0
Internazionale	3 Roma 0
Lazio	1 Juventus 1
Napoli	3 AC Milan 0

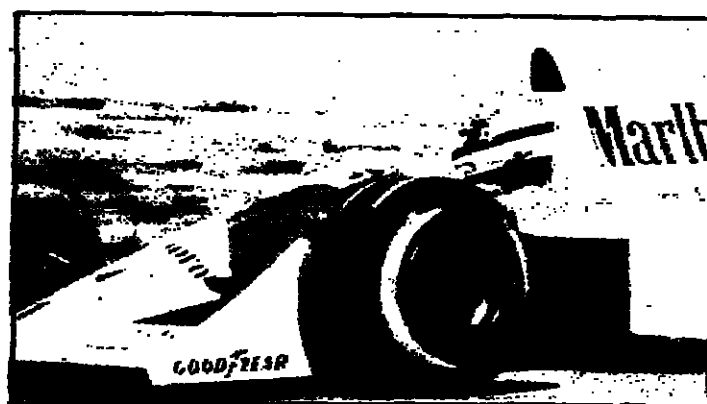


## Federation Cup

Stelli Graf of West Germany takes pictures with a Japanese made camera during the opening ceremony of the Federation Cup, women's team tennis championship, yesterday. Graf will appear in the first round tomorrow. (Reuters wirephoto). See Page 19

## Senna wins Grand Prix

Prost finishes in third place



Senna: keeps title hopes alive

JEREZ, Spain, Oct. 1, (Agencies): Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna kept alive his hopes of retaining his title when he convincingly won the Spanish Grand Prix motor race today.

Senna, in a McLaren, drove a faultless race from the lights to the chequered flag to claim his 20th career victory and collect the nine points he required to retain any chance of overhauling his French teammate Alain Prost in the championship.

Austrian Gerhard Berger was second in the only Ferrari permitted to enter the race following Briton Nigel Mansell's ban last week.

Berger came home 27 seconds behind Senna who broke the race lap record for the circuit on his way to victory.

Prost was third, adding one more point to his championship tally, to leave Senna needing to win both the remaining races in Japan and Australia to clinch the title.

Frenchman Jean Alesi was fourth in a Tyrrell, ahead of Italian Riccardo Patrese in a Williams and Philippe Alliot of France who was sixth in a Lola.

The win was Senna's sixth this season and leaves him with 60 points in the championship. Prost has 76 points in the title race which only permits drivers to count their 11 best scoring results.

The Brazilian still has to win both the two remaining races in Japan and Australia to outstrip Prost to the world championship checkered flag.

Senna got a clean start and went ahead of Berger's red racer going into the first bend.

And although the lanky Austrian virtually tailgated the McLaren-Honda for the first 30 laps, Senna never looked anything but commanding on the way to his 20th Grand Prix victory.

"Obviously I'm very happy, although I had a few gearbox and break problems ... I got the win, that was the goal," said Senna after the race.

France's Jean Alesi made an

impressive showing and brought his Tyrrell-Ford home into fourth, ahead of Riccardo Patrese's Williams-Renault.

The Lola-Lamborghini team secured its first ever championship point with Frenchman Philippe Alliot's sixth place.

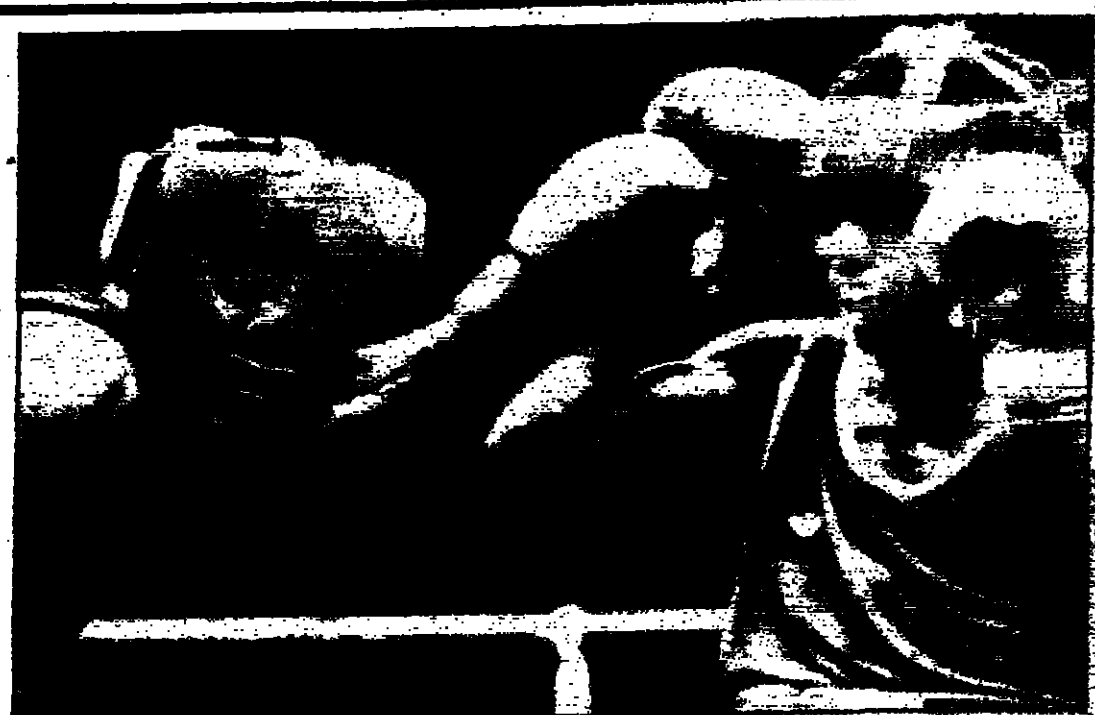
## Results

Results of Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix motor race at the 4.22 kilometre (2.62 mile) Jerez circuit, the 14th race of the 16-event 1989 series.

Race distance 73 laps (307.914 kms)

1. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) McLaren (winning time—one hour 47 minutes 48.246 seconds, average speed 171.374 kph)  
2. Gerhard Berger (Austria) Ferrari 27.051 seconds behind  
3. Alain Prost (France) McLaren

4. Jean Alesi (France) Tyrrell one lap  
5. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) Williams one lap  
6. Philippe Alliot (France) Lola one lap  
7. Andrea de Cesaris (Italy) Dallara one lap  
8. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) Lotus two laps  
9. Derek Warwick (Britain) Arrows two laps  
10. Jonathan Palmer (Britain) Tyrrell two laps  
Did not finish:  
11. Eddie Cheever (US) Arrows 12 laps  
12. Emanuele Pirro (Italy) Benetton 14 laps  
13. Alex Caffi (Italy) Dallara 18 laps  
14. Martin Brundle (Britain) Brabham 22 laps  
15. Mauricio Gugelmin (Brazil) March 26 laps  
16. Luis Salas (Spain) Minardi 26 laps  
17. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) Williams 33 laps  
18. Olivier Grouillard (France) Ligier 39 laps  
19. Pierluigi Martini (Italy) Minardi 46 laps  
20. Ivan Capelli (Italy) March 50 laps  
21. J.J. Lehto (Finland) Onyx 53 laps  
22. Piercarlo Ghinzani (Italy) Osella 56 laps  
23. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) Benetton 59 laps  
24. Stefano Modena (Italy) Brabham 62 laps  
25. Nicola Larini (Italy) Osella 67 laps  
Did not start (failed to complete one lap):  
26. Satoru Nakajima (Japan) Lotus  
Fastest Lap: Senna 1:25.779  
record (average speed 177.022 kph)



## Griffin triumphs

Eric Griffin (left) of the United States beat Rogelio Marcello of Cuba to win the final of the light flyweight category at the World Amateur Boxing Championships in Moscow on Saturday. (Reuters wirephoto).

## Local Rugby

## Whites overcome Blues

THIS weekend saw the second of Kuwait Nomads Rugby F.C. domestic fixtures of the season. The match was billed as a trial game and this was certainly reflected in the commitment and aggression shown.

The Blues opened the scoring with a Richard Ellis penalty. Within two minutes the Whites had replied. A solid scrum saw Steve Hill break blind, pass on to Kelly and then to Harrison who dived the cover defence and drove ten yards for his first try of the season. An Adams conversion gave the Whites a 6-3 lead.

The battle in the forwards was certainly intense and it was pleasing for captain Hill to see plenty of well produced second phase ball for the backs. Unfortunately, Ellis favoured the boot a little too often which gave his danger men, Ball and Laurent Sella, little chance to shine.

The Blues did manage to regain the lead although White mistakes were mainly to blame. A poor pass from Kelly was allowed to cause havoc. No Blue player fell on the ball, poor recovery passes were thrown and it was left to Tony Sole to cap an impressive first half with a well-taken try. Ellis added the conversion to give the Blues a 9-6 lead.

New players to the Nomads used the trial to full effect. Gary Hill won some good ball in the line-out and winger Alan Wild had some fine attacking strikes. The best run of the day produced the winning score. White winger Adrian Tierney received the ball just inside the Blue's half. He outpaced his opponent and when confronted with two covering defenders produced an aggressive drive which took him through two tackles and under the posts for the best try of the day. Adams' conversion took the Whites into a 12-9 winning lead.

On this showing the selection committee will have plenty of talent to choose from for the forthcoming internationals. The established players are certainly not guaranteed a first team place.

Preparations now intensify as in 3 weeks Kuwait will be sending two full teams to compete in the Bahrain XV's, a tournament the Nomads have won for the last two years, and will be aiming for a unique three in a row.

The day was tinged with sadness as KNRFC said goodbye to Hugh MacAree and Paul Tyrrell, two long serving members of the club. The Nomads wish them all the best in the future.

## US clinch Dunhill Cup

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Mark Calcavecchia, Tom Kite and Curtis Strange earned the United States the Dunhill Cup nations golf title for the first time in five attempts by beating Japan today.

Calcavecchia's second victory of the day over Hajime Meshiai in the final, which for the first time comprised six matches, proved to be the clinching point and the top-seeded Americans went on to win by 3-1/2 to 2-1/2.

They had taken a commanding 2-1/2 to 1/2 points lead in the three morning matches and needed just one point from the second set of three contests.

Calcavecchia, the British Open champion, carded superb rounds of 67 and 66 over the renowned par-72 old course, beating Meshiai by one shot in the morning and by seven in the afternoon.

But he managed to irritate a

section of the crowd at the 316-yard 12th in the afternoon when he drove the huge double green which that hole shares with the sixth.

Finding himself 70 yards from the pin, Calcavecchia elected to chip rather than putt and took a large divot out of the green to the displeasure of watching spectators.

"I just couldn't resist it," he said.

## Rojas grabs WBA title

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Oct. 1, (Reuters): Venezuelan Jesus Rojas won the World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title from Fidel Bassa of Colombia after 12 rugged rounds in front of the champion's home crowd last night.

Bassa had held the title since February 1987 and was making his seventh defence, but was

beaten on points by a tough, resilient Rojas who recorded his 18th victory in 20 professional fights that also included one draw.

The fight, in stifling heat at an indoor stadium in front of 12,000 partisan spectators, began dramatically when Bassa slipped in the opening seconds and Rojas hit him when he was still kneeling.

## Mota triumphs

TOKYO, Oct. 1, (AP): Rosa Mota of Portugal, the 1988 Seoul Olympic women's marathon gold medalist, won a 10-kilometre race in a suburban Tokyo park today.

Racing against five other foreign runners and more than 1,000 Japanese in the first Tokyo ladies mini-marathon, the 31-year-old Mota finished in 32 minutes, 31 seconds.

## Dunhill bridge tourney

AS the name suggests, Dunhill started bridge competitions as an experiment in 1984 at the Indian Arts Circle at Salmiya. Most bridge players, being smokers, welcomed the idea of improving their game with the help of Dunhill. The period of the completion was 13 weeks.

The success of this competition made it an annual event and Dunhill started sponsoring this competition every year. Due to its popularity, the period of the competition was increased from 13 weeks to 17 weeks.

The company presents attractive prizes to the first five best players with lots of other prizes to most of the participants.

Between 1985 and 1987, the competitions were held at the Messilah Beach Hotel, but in 1988 the venue was shifted to the Hilton Hotel (now known as the Kuwait International Hotel).

The winners of the Dunhill trophy were:

1984 — Mr Ravindra Sapre  
1985 — Mr Mukherjee & Dr Reddy  
1986 — Dr Szul  
1987 — Mrs Pereira & Mr D'Souza  
1988 — Mr Mamdoo Sabri

The tournament director in 1985 was Dr Parikh and subsequently Mr Ravindra Sapre. Mr Joseph Mathew has represented Dunhill during all the tournaments over the years.

Dunhill are very happy to announce that they will be sponsoring the tournament this year as well.

The tournament will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel from today at 7.45 pm and will continue every Monday for the next 17 weeks at the same time.

## Daniel extends lead

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 1, (Reuters): Beth Daniel extended her lead over Pat Bradley to three strokes by shooting a five-under-par 67 yesterday in the \$325,000 San Jose Classic golf tournament.

Daniel started the day with a one-stroke lead over Bradley, who matched Daniel with a birdie on the first hole and collected another on the third.

Daniel answered with four more birdies as Bradley battled a temperature and tremors which forced her to leave the course immediately after her finish and

not appear at the post-round news conference.

"I feel fortunate to have had the good putting round I had today," said Daniel, who is 12 under par for the tournament. "The greens are very damp and heel prints are pretty bad out there ... Pat and I have been paired together a lot lately and we seem to play well when that happens. I don't feel in command with a three-shot lead because there are a lot of birdies on this golf course."

Lesore Rittenhouse is in third after a second round of 69.

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